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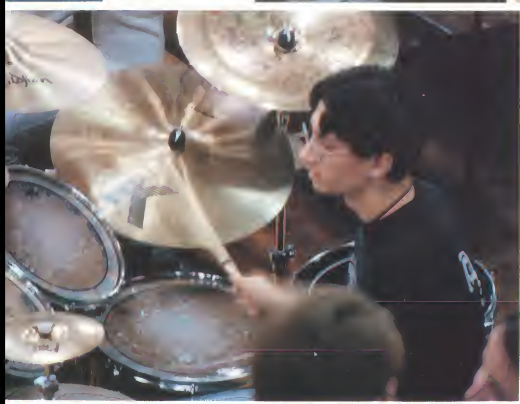




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BREAKING THROUGH IT ALL





Moving Beyond

Highland High School has always been known for being different from the rest.

Between the faculty, students, clubs, classes, and way of life, HHS has always broken the mold and woven

its own individuality.

Breaking Through It All means simply moving past the norm and onto more complex aspects of life.

Whether it be pushing past common stereotypes and myths or just dealing with the daily grind, Highland High School has proven we are **Breaking Through It All!**

•Monica Dyson

HHS students show their spirit at the Homecoming game while Sherry VerWey and Mike Filipowicz share a scene in a HTC production. Nate Bohanan keeps the beat on his drums while cheerleader Beth Lomax keeps warm at a football game.



Football team members Mike Cook, Ed Hoolehan, Josh Mathews, Nate Damasis, Steve Ziemniak, and Dave Hamstra are fired up at the parade.

Senior Brian Wurst plays the HHS school song on his trumpet before the game while Varsity cheerleader Kelly Martin passes out balloons to be released at kickoff.



LIVE IT UP!

Highland High School was established in 1960. Over those 35 years, Homecoming traditions have come and gone. From bonfires to the crowning of Mr. Football, the years have brought forth changes. But one fact has always remained the same throughout HHS, SPIRIT!

Homecoming Week--Parades, Spirit Days, and Superstars are more modern traditions. Students have also taken the liberty of starting their own. Face painting, braiding hair, and "different" clothing name a few.

Hopefully, these will continue throughout later years.

•Monica Dyson

Above, the 1995 Homecoming King and Queen are Bryan Cliver and Susan Sprainis. Below, the Homecoming Court consists of Terry McDonald, Monica Dyson, Dave Bakker, Bridgette Norris, Bryan Cliver, Susan Sprainis, Greg Czaja, Molly Gembolis, Dan Nicksic, Rachael Bishop.



Homecoming '95'

FAIRY TALES

CAN'T RAIN ON OUR PARADE...

Homecoming '95 made the theme "Once Upon A Time" become a reality. Spirit Week kicked off the festivities, and students dressed up for the different days.

A few of the such were Hat and Shades Day, Army Day, Hippie Day, and Blue and Gold Day. The Senior class won a prize of \$100 for having the most participation. "The Seniors were great as far as overall participation went this year!" quotes Senior Monica Dyson.

The Homecoming Parade took place on Wednesday, with different classes, groups, and clubs showing off their talent on their floats. Students had fun dressing up and imitating their favorite fairy tale characters.

After the Parade, students gathered in the Field House for a Pep Rally led by the cheerleaders and the band followed by Superstar events. Some of the events included the famous pie eating contest, tug-o-war, pyramid building, five legged race, caterpillar crawl and blind ice cream game. The Juniors triumphed over the Seniors while the Sophomores sank the Freshmen.

Junior Mike Petty said, "It was fun and exciting. Everyone got involved and I had a blast. The Junior class cheerleading really knocked my socks off."

The Senior girls also joined in the spirit by purchasing Senior-96 jer-

seys. Senior Christyne Thys commented on the jerseys. "The shirts were great because they really made our class stand out. I feel it united us and definitely boosted our participation level."

Spirit Week '95 ended up successful once again and it gave the new school year a great start. Despite the rain which fell during the day of the Homecoming Parade and the severe cold which marked the Friday evening game and presentation of the court, the Highland spirit dominated all the week's activities.

• Rachael Bishop



Junior Jen Novak takes on a cat figure from her Junior Class float while below quarterback Charlie Sleeman gets ready for a hand off. SC Officers are Val Rieckhoff, Phrosini Samis, Jana Solomon.

Right, bundled against the cold, Nikki Papalambros, Kara Blahnik, Amy Warren, and Megan Marx while Dave Wilson shows his support. Lisa Anderson and Kristen Hall go all out for the Trojans.





Homecoming 95'

BREAKIN' DOWN

SPRAINIS, CLIVER RULE FESTIVITIES

Once upon a time, the mighty Trojans met up with the Lake Central Indians in a fierce Homecoming battle. Both teams fought fearlessly and it proved to be a battle to the finish. Despite the severe loss by Highland, the Trojans still managed to come out on top with spirit. Senior Defensive Back/Wide Receiver Josh Mathews said, "We came into the game knowing we had a chance at winning but we just didn't execute. Through it all, it was a hard-hitting game."

The game itself took place on a rainy Friday evening. Fans shivered in the cold as the two teams fought hard.

The Homecoming Court was

presented at halftime, and alumni of all ages enjoyed watching the crowning. The nominees for queen were: Rachael Bishop, Monica Dyson, Molly Gembolis, Bridgette Norris, and Susan Sprainis. The nominees for king consisted of: Dave Bakker, Brian Cliver, Greg Czaja, Terry McDonald and Dan Nicksic.

The crowning of King and Queen was done by last year's royalty, King Paul Callaway and Queen Kelly Bieson. The '95 Homecoming King and Queen were Bryan Cliver and Susan Sprainis. They danced to the song "Somewhere Out There" along with the rest of the court members.

The cafeteria, where the dance was held, was vividly decorated in a fantasy land. Clouds, angels, and balloons filled the already crowded room. *Snow White* was playing on the movie screen, and after that, a showing of *Aladdin*. Senior Rusty Gordon said "I went to my first Homecoming dance this year as a senior. It really made me regret not going the years before, but at least I got to experience it before I graduated. It was great fun." And so concluded another wonderful fairytale.

• Rachael Bishop



Left, J.V. cheerleader Sara Bodley fires up the crowd while Mr. Madura instructs the prize winning NAHS. Above, Carrie Yatsko keeps the beat going. The theme of the Homecoming dance.

Below, Seniors Danielle Drich and Kelly Martin battle in the blind ice cream race while Jeff Chicky and Ron Zurek are Trojan Warriors. Couple Beth Lomax and John Del Rio dance.





They did it all for the

Glory of Love

Turnabout 1995- A Winter Wonderland

In the past, Highland High School students have always enjoyed taking a break from the cold weather and studies for the annual winter formal, the Turnabout dance. This year was no exception. Turnabout '95 was a huge success.

This year's theme was "Glory of Love" by Peter Cetera. The colors selected for the event were purple, teal, and silver giving the dance a deep, dreamy atmosphere.

The dance was held at St. George Serbian Hall in Schererville. It took place on December 9 and the festivities were kicked off at 7:30. Couples lined up to have their pictures taken by the photographers

from Spasoff. Senior Christy Thys states, "The backgrounds were really pretty and everyone's pictures turned out real nice. I was very impressed!"

And what would a dance be without a King and Queen. This year's Turnabout King was Mike Kaniuk and Queen Phrosini Samis. The nominees for King were Nate Damasius, Jon Seremet, Dan Nicksic, John Crawford and Dru Grigson. Nominees for Queen consisted of Laura Hoolehan, Danielle Drlich, Nicole Shiperek, Kelly Martin and Rachel Guzman. The crowning took place at 9:30.

After pictures were taken and court was finished, everyone was free to

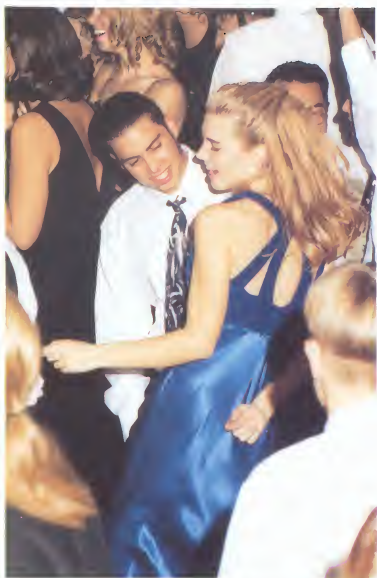
dance the night away. DeeJay Jim Drossos played many hits of the 80's such as *Come on Eileen*, *Another One Bites the Dust* and slowed down with *Almost Paradise*. There were also various early 90's hits like *Ice Ice Baby* and *Can't Touch This*. But the whole dance wasn't strictly a blast from the past. More current songs such as the very popular theme song from the hit television show *Friends* called "I'll Be There For You." The dancing ended at 10:30, bringing an end to Turnabout '95.

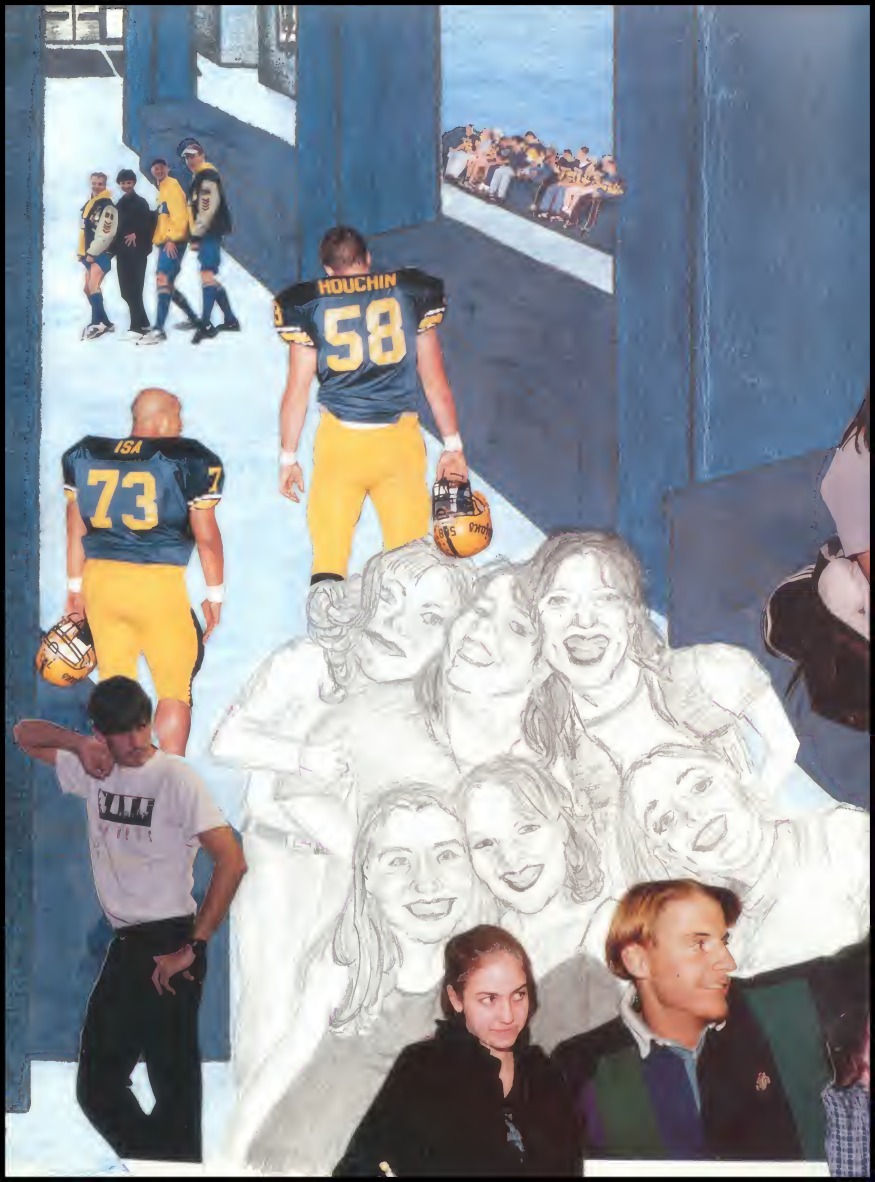
• Monica Dyson

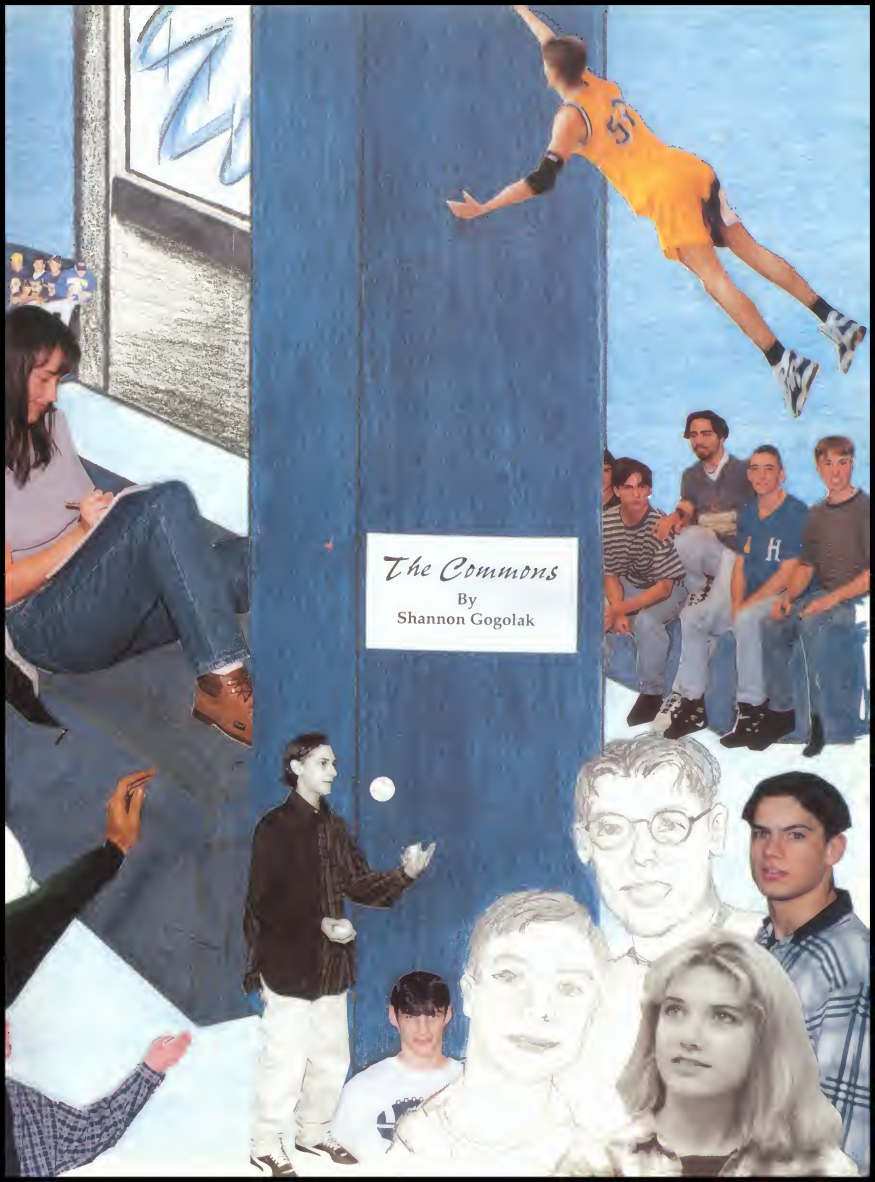


Mike Kaniuk and Phrosini Samis grin after the coronation. Nancy Swallow dances to "YMCA." Above, Brian Campos and Molly Menke share a special moment. Molly Gembolis and Josh Malaves boggle down to a popular song. Turnabout Court 1995.









The Commons

By
Shannon Gogolak



Matt Courtright bonds with his best friend, Milky White, while Carrie Ruhs casts a dark spell.



Shannon Bruce and Sarah Van Bodegraven keep an eye out for the prince after the ball.



Vargus and Wilson bargain with Matt Courtright while Vargus and Wilson share a moment.

INTO THE WOODS

Fairy Tales Come to Life

"This was a very difficult show to do, but I'm glad Marty chose it. It turned out to be a great show, and most of that was because of the cast. They're so much fun to work with!"

Carrie Ruhs

This year's Fall Musical *Into The Woods* was an enchanting parody of a mirage of fairy tales. The production included such tales as *Little Red Ridinghood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Rapunzel*, *Cinderella*, *Snow White*, and *Sleeping Beauty*.

The main characters were: Ron Guidotti as the narrator, Erin Crosby as Cinderella, Matt Courtright played Jack, Monica Brownwell was Jack's Mother, Brian Vargas was the Baker, the Baker's Wife was played by Carrie Wilson and Carrie Ruhs played the Witch.

The play ran November 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18. All proceeds from the November 12 show went to benefit Jeff Dancho. The cost was eight dollars and the HTC raised about one thousand dollars.

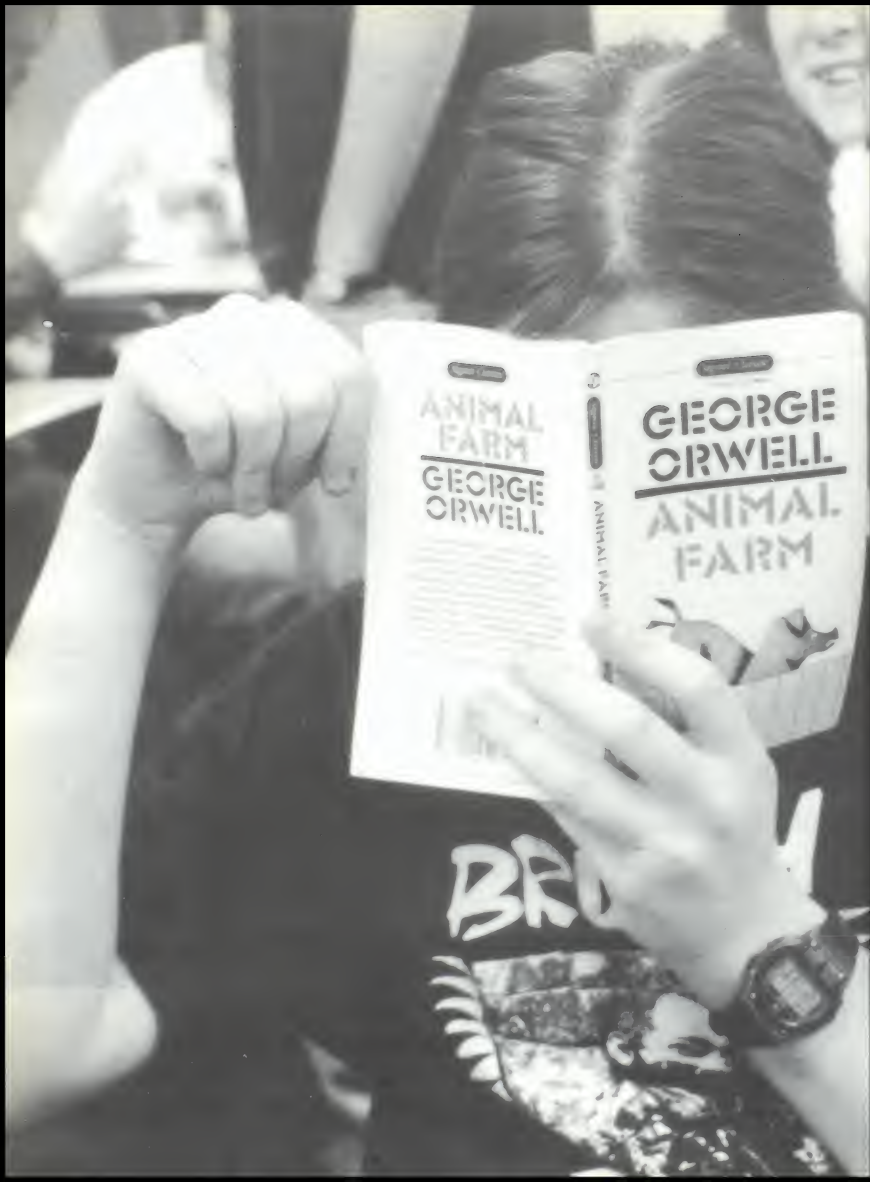
The play was directed and produced by Marty Grubbs, and the assistant director was Suzanne Hanafi. Ryan Sweeney was the Production Manager while Mary Albrecht was the Technical Director. Mr. Victor Pazik was the Vocal Director. The play was a success thanks to all who put their time and effort into it.


• Lynette Dobrowski
Shannon Gogolak



E. Crosby, M. Flipowitz, E. Grantner, S. Bruce and S. Van Bodegraven act as the new royal family.

Erin Crosby scrubs the floor; while Ruhs warns Wilson and Vargas to stay away from her garden.





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*n. All in a day's (and sometimes
evening's) work at Highland High*

*"Involvement in clubs and classes has broadened my horizons. It helped me to meet new friends and I even learned a few things in the mean time."
Senior Tetia Lee*

Animal Farm by George Orwell was one of the various books taught by the Junior English teachers.

Highland offers a variety of classes and clubs for the students to participate in. Within these categories, they learn to better themselves and unite through teamwork and determination. From Spanish Club to English class, one thing is common among Highland's clubs and classes: The more effort you put in, the more rewards come out.

•Monica Dyson

Key Club

Students Who Put Their Hearts Into Helping The Community

This year Key Club is making a difference. Mrs. Joan Ray, Key Club sponsor, states, "I have been advising Key Club for six years now, and I enjoy it more every year. The students are becoming more community minded. They feel a real dedication to help others. Our biggest problem is trying to find projects that involve a large number of students since we have around sixty members."

The communication with the Highland Kiwanis makes for great adult relationships, especially at the Kiwanis luncheons that are held every week on Thursdays.

The club was involved with the Bike-a-thon for St. Jude's, baking cookies with orphans at the Carmelite Home, working at the nursing home, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and helping the Boy Scouts paint their campground at the beginning of the year.

The members in Key Club are very

close, working side by side every week. "Our friendships have to develop well before we can even think about helping the community. I'll always remember how close being in Key Club has brought me and my friends," says member Jen Tom.

Not only do you make friends within your specific club, but you meet new people all of the time. All of the clubs get together to work on the same project about once a month.

The club also helps the Highland Parks Department with a lot of activities, like Family Day in the Park, the Pumpkin Plod, and the Spook House.

Juli Beanblossom, club President confirms, "Key Club doesn't make keys! It's the largest community club in the world. The reason we have a Key Club is to help out our community as much as we can."

Now that you know what Key Club does, PLEASE don't ask if we make keys!

• Angie Koleno

Mike Nochevich, Dr. Dennis Shawver, Mrs. McCann, and Dr. Philip Cartwright view Paul Whitener's Red Ribbon poster billboard.

Laura Gogolak listens patiently to her peers as they discuss the upcoming plans for the Student Advisory Board.



Welcome Key Clubbers



GANG RESIST AND STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

WORKING TOGETHER
TO KEEP HIGHLAND
GANG-FREE

This year the students are making a difference through Student Advisory Board and Operation Gang Resist.

Student Advisory Board is very active this year. Their first activity this year, was spending the day at the elementary schools and informing them about gangs. They also performed a skit for the Highland High School student body.

The purpose of the advisory board is to allow students to talk about the school's problems and come up with solutions on how they can fix them. The board is run by Mrs. McCann, Mr. Hedges, and Mr. Kammer.

"I was thrilled when I was asked to be on the board. I think that all schools need to have an advisory group of some kind. Who knows more about the school than the students? It's been fun so far. I think we've done a lot of good things so far about gang awareness, ect. I'm excited to see the repercussions from our future activities," states, Junior, Jen Tom.

Operation Gang Resist has been functioning in Highland for four years. They have sent members out to New Mexico for training. They also have large community meetings.

"We, on the committee feel very proud of our accomplishments. We feel very strongly about keeping gangs out of High-

land," states Mrs. Ray.

The community, police, and many students and teacher at Highland High are very active in Gang Resist. Being on Gang Resist is all about making people aware of gangs and telling them how to avoid them. "I help come up with ideas, and we all talk about how to make those ideas work," says HHS student Laura Gogolak.

Several members of the committee, along with a group of interested teachers, have put together a curriculum for students in grades kindergarten through 12th. This is being used in all of the Highland schools, and it has been shared with many surrounding school cooperations.

The committee has gained much popularity all over our state.

•Angie Koleno

Senior Jason Rataczak and advisor Mr. Adam Baez concentrate at the Student Advisory Board meeting.

Some of the Key Club members, along with Advisor Mrs. Joan Ray, enjoy helping the Boy Scouts paint their campgrounds this summer.

T.J. Mucha, Dave Bakker, Juli Beanblossom, Jeff Winston, and Angie Koleno march in the Christmas Parade for Dollars For Scholars.



PEER TUTOR... HELPING OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES

With all of the confusion going on in the world these days, it's easy to forget that there's still generosity where you may not expect it. Many people would be amazed to find that there are a number of examples sitting behind classroom doors.

Peertutoring is available for students who need extra help and assistance. These are volunteers who choose to sacrifice an hour in their schedule to help students in need. The fulfillment of the experience, however, makes one think twice about the word "sacrifice." It is not worth a credit, it is not free time to do unfinished homework, nor is it time to do personal things for yourself.

Peer tutors have found that it is hard work which requires effort, determination, patience, and especially care. It takes effort because the things that need to be used are

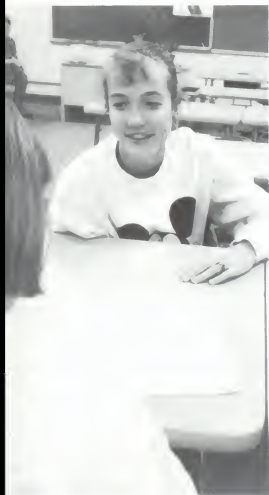
not always ones that can be taught. Every individual student needs an individual technique. It takes determination, because it is easy to feel as if you cannot do it, that this quest is impossible to overcome. It takes patience, to realize that high hopes require long jumps. The most important things, though, are care and understanding.

While working with the same person in such a personal and interactive way, there's a sort of bonding. Knowing that you've helped someone out and the sense of accomplishment obtained through this experience is one that no high school credit can compare to.

• Rachael Bishop

Seniors Mary Albrecht and Emily Wynkoop are helping their peers.





TREND

Students who are taking a stand to say NO to drugs.

TREND is a club for students who are making healthy decisions, with regards to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. The club provides opportunities for the students to socialize and reinforce their choices by providing fun social alternatives for all students who are not involved with alcohol and drugs. TREND also attempts to educate the student body on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

TREND is a great way to get involved with a club that stands for saying no to drugs and other things that are harmful to the body. The students who are in the club are showing their friends how to have fun without alcohol or drugs.

Like any other club, TREND has a few selected members who are the leaders.

Senior Kelly Hess is the President; Junior Erin Kahn, Vice President; Senior Valerie Rieckhoff, Secretary; and Senior Joo-Hee Han, Treasurer.

The club has been actively involved within the school this year. TREND sponsored dances, and also was in charge of "A Night at the Movies."

• Angie Koleno

The members of TREND are: S. Hawkins, D. Walters, D. Al Sharif, J. Gnerlich, J. Han, K. Hess, E. Kahn, N. Housley, N. Valle, T. Kay, A. Street, M. Burroughs, L. Bohanan, K. Koble, S. Frazee, Advisor Ms. Cindy Boyd.

Senior Shannon Gouwens is helping a friend, as Mr. Adam Baez works on his schedule.



ART

Mr. Dowdy returns;
Ceramics class opens

OPENING A NEW

CAN OF PAINT

The Art Department opened a new can of paint this year with a new course and a "new" teacher.

Eager to try something new, an overwhelming number of students wanted the new ceramics class put into their schedules this year. This class is taught by Miss Amy Kiesling. The students mold works of art with their own hands, including vases, jewelry boxes, pots. They also make pieces to complete a tile project.

Also new to the art department this year is Mr. Kenneth Dowdy who teaches Basic Two and Three Dimensional art classes. Mr. Dowdy may be new to the students of HHS, but he used to teach art classes at Highland in previous years.

Art classes include learning about starting a career in art. This year, the art classes were visited by many art colleges and all the art classes took a

Dana Al Sharif works diligently on a charcoal project in Ms. Kiesling's art class. Dana is a senior this year.

field trip to the Art Institute Of Chicago.

The students are encouraged to be creative, explore the art world, and to constructively critique each other's art projects.

Art students are also able to share their work with others during school and community art shows.

The new art classrooms which renovation brought are used to the maximum with a lot of new ideas. With a dark room, computers and ventilation system for spray painting, and ceramics, art is alive and well at Highland High School!

• Shannon Gogolak

Senior George Kollintzas finishes an art project outside in the courtyard. Spraying fixative insures the quality of the art will be preserved.



FUN FACTS

- The Art Department uses at least 435 sheets of 18x24 paper a year.
- The art students use up 75 tubes of acrylic paint every year.
- The NAHS members used 70 cans of spray paint and 600 sq. ft. of foam to construct their homecoming float.



NAHS new projects include calendar

This was an exciting year for the National Art Honor Society because the outstanding number of eager members made it possible to accomplish many more activities.

The newest activities included making cards for AIDS victims and an art show in the spring called "A Saturday Afternoon in Main Square." Several pieces of the students artwork were picked to put in a NAHS calendar for 1996 which was sold outside of school. Christmas and Valentines Day cards were also designed by the students and sold at lunch. NAHS also took first place in the Homecoming Parade for their Alice In Won-

derland float.

"I'm very pleased with the progress the National Art Honor Society has made within the last two years. Due to our active members, we've been able to do many more activities," says Senior Paul Whitener. Paul has led the Art Honor Society for the past two years as president. Michelle Kaweck and Valerie Rieckhoff were the Vice Presidents and the Secretary was Joo-Hee Han. Shannon Gogolak was Public Relations Director and Melissa Gray was the treasurer. Laura Miloshoff was the Director of Activities and Miss Amy Kiesling was the advisor.

• Shannon Gogolak

Junior Shannon Gogolak portrays the King of Hearts in the National Art Honor Society Homecoming float, *Alice in Wonderland*.

Shannon Gogolak, Miss Kiesling, Teresa Furman, Carri Ziemniak, Kristin Chapman, and Andrea Rivera were a part of the art float.



National Honor Society Student Council

Organizations that make a difference

National Honor Society and Student Council are two noteworthy organizations in HHS.

Candidates for NHS are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. They must be Juniors with an 8.33 G.P.A., and have participated in at least three activities.

Susan Sprainis is the president, and Ms. Erhart is the sponsor. It takes a lot of effort to be in this organization. NHS has two fund raisers per year to raise money for scholarships. In November, the members sponsor a food drive. Another obligation of NHS is tutoring on Tuesday afternoons.

The president of the Student Council is Phrosini Samis, and the sponsors are Mr. Kaminski and Ms. Boyd. Spirit Week was their first activity. A pep rally followed with fun and games for Homecoming. They also put on the Homecoming dance in September. This dance prompted a huge turnout.

In the beginning of December, the

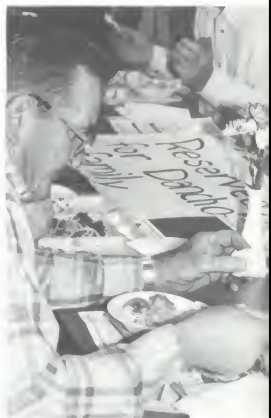
Student Council held its annual blood drive. This year the Spaghetti Dinner was named for Jeff Dancho, a Junior who was diagnosed with leukemia.

Some of the other little things they did were for the teachers. These activities included a Halloween party, secret Santa, and others.

Student Council is a great way for students to remain involved in their school.

•Rachael Bishop

Student Council Officers: Pres. Phrosini Samis, V.P. Val Rieckoff, Mr. Kaminski, Shannon Gogolak, Tres John Tabor, Jana Solomon, Robyn Bognar, Mrs. Boyd.



NHS: John Tabor, Nicole Fuller, Dave Baker, Sue Sprainis Row 2: Sherry VerWey, Irene Czynszczon, Michelle Kawecki, Titia Lee, Jamie Tucker, Selena Cox, Val Reichoff, Jessica O'Conner, Kathleen Garretson. Row 3: Brian Vargas, Mary Albrect, Jen Downs, Michelle Dvorscak, Jen Harwood, Jana Solomon, Foo Samis, Sarah Demaris. Row 4: Mrs. Erhart, Jen Gnerlich, Joo-Hee Han, Linda Kuch, Stacy Wiist, Christina Tam, Nichole Shiperek, Justin Tauber. Row 5: Nikki Dopka, Carrie Ruhs, Stacy Wiist, Jacki Rohling, Jon Seremet, Martin Plazewski, Paul Whitner, Doug Biel, Kim Smith, Tom Juhas, Terry McDonald, Phil Wojnicz.



Spaghetti Dinner guest eats, NHS Food Drive worker, Val Rieckoff, Robyn Bognar hang Cookie Monsters for the Blood Drive.

S.C. President Phrosini Samis announces at the Homecoming Dance. NHS Pres. John Tabor poses with food drive spokesman



Journalism... Link/Shield

The Art of "Written" Expression

The press was definitely running hot this year during the production of the 1995-96 newspaper issues and the yearbook.

This year in *Link*, issues were covered such as smoking on school grounds, kids and crime, fitness, and Trails for Rails, which is Highland's new bike path. This also marked the first year ever that colored papers and inks were used to accentuate the paper. Lead by Editor-in-Chief Jana Solomon and Managing Editor Dana Culic, this year's issues of the *Link* were a huge success.

The staff of the *Shield* was also hard at work this school year. Under the leadership of Editor Monica Dyson and Managing Editor Jeff Chicki, visions became reality on paper. The theme of this year's yearbook, *Breaking Through*,

came after many long summer hours of thought and work.

Both staffs worked through deadlines and continued their education not only of journalism, but of computerized desktop publishing as well. Senior Rachael Bishop says "Taking *Link* and *Shield* really helped to prepare me for college next year. I have learned more about computers during this year than throughout all of my high school career. And as most seniors know, in the world today, you have to know your computers!"

•Monica Dyson

Deanna Crum works on her computer. Staff of the *Shield*, staff of the *Link*, Junior Molly Jones studies her layout. Molly is the sports editor of the yearbook.

Editors Dana Culic, Jana Solomon, Monica Dyson, Jeff Chicki. Shannon Gogolak types her copy while journalism student Amanda Taalman folds the *Link*.



Shield: Sitting: Monica Dyson, Jeff Chicki. 2nd row: Deanna Herrin, Rachael Bishop, Angela Koleno, Lynette Dobrowolski, Deanna Crum, Mario Atchison. 3rd row: Shannon Gogolak, Mai Lei Naglich, Jennifer Toim, Rachel Courtright, Michael Koby, Molly Jones, Back row: Ron Zurek. (not pictured: Greg Hines).

Link: Donna Culic, Jana Solomon, Jeff Chicki. 2nd row: Amanda Mathews, Christine Thys, Monica Dyson, Rachael Bishop, Aaron Ferry, Dave Wilson. 3rd row: Jason Mulligan, Kelly Quail, Melissa Gray, Angela Koleno, Diane Rhein. (not pictured: Robyn Bognar).



Mentor: Preparing Teens for the Future

Would you like to learn more about your favorite career or actually take part in it? You don't have to go to college or have any experience in the field. Well, then the Mentor Program is for you.

The Mentor Program is for Juniors and Seniors. You must be in the top 15% of your class to qualify for the program. It is a two semester program, in which you go to a business and follow your mentor around for an hour.

The mentor teaches you about what their job is all about. They may make you run errands, or help them with some of their work. You usually pick a mentor that works someplace that will interest you. You don't want to be stuck somewhere where you will be really bored, or you won't learn anything.

Students are interviewed in the spring to try and find a mentor to fit their needs. They are responsible for setting up their own program with their mentor. Students keep a journal, which tells of their experiences with their mentor.

Students are allowed to leave the school during 7th hour to go to their mentor site. There is only one drawback, you have to have your own transportation to and from

Seniors Danielle Drlich, Kelly Martin, Molly Gembolis, and Rachel Guzman take time out from Mentor to use the computers.

the mentor site. This is probably why many people can not take part in this program.

When the Students do not go to their Mentor site, they have a study hall; or they fill out scholarship applications and essays. "Mentor is a great experience for all students. You can learn hands-on training in a field you choose. I have met many interesting people," says, Senior, Nate Damasius.

Mrs. Ray, head of the Mentor Program, states, "I have been working with the Mentor Program for ten years. The students continue to be a great source of enjoyment, and they are full of enthusiasm."

• Rachel Courtright

Senior Melissa Salle and Junior Jason Fenolio reminisce, while waiting to see a counselor. Below: Senior Arlene Kolenko tutors Della.



"Being a Mentor was a great opportunity for me. You get hands-on experience in real world situations."

Paul Whitener



process.



Helping Others in Guidance

Guidance: The act or process of guiding; leadership; direction. Counseling and advice dealing with educational and career plans.

Those are just two of the definitions of Guidance. Highland High's Guidance Department certainly lives up to this definition. The counselors work very hard helping students make the right choices for their future.

This year there is a new program the Guidance Office is sponsoring called English as a Second Language (ESL)-Tutoring Program. This program is for students who learn English as a second language. They are usually students who come from other countries. Angie Koleno, Juli Beanblossom, and Kamille Kish are just

a few of the people who volunteer their time to help tutor. "I love being an ESL tutor! The kids are great and it is a lot of fun. I learned a lot just by talking to them. It is great to know that they came from different countries and still chose to come to this school," states Angie Koleno.

Guidance still sponsors Drop-in-Center. Students can go to the Drop-in-Center and talk about their problems. It is usually offered every hour during study hall. "The Drop-in-Center really helped me a lot when I had problems at home and at school. The people really do care about what you are going through," says Junior, Deanna Herrin.

• Rachel Courtright

Left: Mrs. Rose Ceperich, Guidance Secretary, is looking up a students file for one of the Guidance counselors.

Above: The Mentor class poses for a quick pic before they take off for their Mentor site.



Alice's Adventures — In The — Secret Garden



Above: Members of the Highland Theatre Company gather for their yearly picture. Members include actors and a crew of lighting, sound, and stage workers.

Left: Orchestra teacher, Mr. Blake Bredemeier, tends to his garden work as the secretive Ben Weatherstaff.

Right: Suzanne Hanafi helps Olivia Griner with her wig on opening night of the winter play, *Alice in Wonderland*.





Left: Sherry VerWey and Tom Damron confront each other for the first time as the Craven cousins.



HTC opens winter season with "Alice," "Secret Garden."



This winter, the Highland Theatre Company opened their first student-directed/produced season with the smash hit, *Alice in Wonderland*. In a cast of untried actors, Jennifer Gnerlich starred as Alice with Martin Plawewski as the infamous White Rabbit. Erin Lottino and Olivia Griner were the heartless Red and White Queens.

The cast of "Alice" appreciated the costume work done by the National Art Honor Society. The costumes added imagination and wonder to the overall cartoon effect of the play. The Theatre Company intends to continue working with the NAHS.

Alice's adventures in Wonderland were enjoyed by people of all ages, especially the younger audience who liked the cartoon version.

The HTC also presented *The Secret Garden*, a dramatic interpretation

Top left, senior Jen Gnerlich recites "Jabberwock as the lost girl, Alice. Nonsense was a big part of this play.

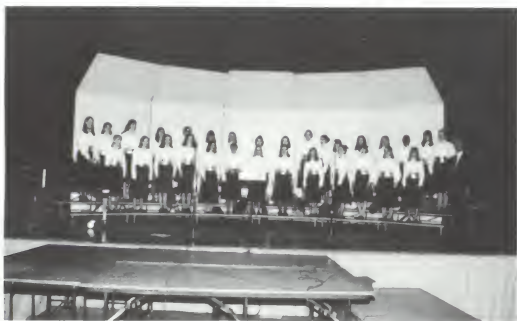
set on a marsh in Yorkshire, England. Sherry Ver Wey was Mary, a sour little girl who has no family and is confined to the giant house and locked gardens of her rich uncle. Tom Damron played her companion, a crippled boy.

This year's officers included Mary Albrect, Sherry Ver Wey, and Irene Czysczon. They worked hard to create parties for the company in between shows and to make it a fun year for the Theatre Company. One of their creations was a masquerade ball, held in the auditorium. The actors came to the party fully costumed; their faces masked. The infamous sound technicians, Tim Fandrei and Ryan Wilson helped by providing music.

The 95-96 winter season was a success for the HTC.

• Shannon Gogolak

Above, Sophomore Diane Rhein strikes a pose as a frog footman in *Alice in Wonderland*, a winter play.



Vocal Music



The Highland Madrigals/Show Choir was successful for the second year in a row. The group performed in holiday performances away from the school, as well as putting on their 2nd Annual Madrigal Dinner. Each person was selected through an audition process which consisted of a performance by each candidate in front of the director, Victor Pazik, and all the other candidates, and a dance audition.

The troupe performed at several competitions this year. These competitions included ISSMA Regional, ISSMA State, and ISSMA Show Choir/Jazz Competition.

New competitions were entered this year and new performances were added to the program. Some highlights included performing at Briar Ridge Country Club, singing at Prom and Graduation. The Highland Show choir is still fairly new, but this year was a good addition to the Highland Choral Program. The group looks forward to much success in the future.

• Olivia Griner



Above, left: HHS choir at a performance, Varsity choir poses while Erin Peterson sings a solo, Kristin Hall practices for her vocal music class.

Choir poses for a medieval shot while a more "physical" song is performed by choir. Erica Burd discusses with friends during vocal music class.





Melissa Moore, Mandy Siebold, and Heather Kraly are working together, as Amy Quavis thinks about her next song.

The orchestra Class practices very hard every day with their instructor on their next performance.





Orchestra



VELVET TONES CANNOT MASK POWER OF MUSIC

O rchestra class at HHS proves educational and also very inspirational. Under the direction of Mr. Blake Bredermeier, this fifth period class meets every day. Rightly so, they have a lot to prepare for.

This past year the class's accomplishments multiplied. They perform four in-school concerts a year. They were also kept busy with a performance held in Highland's Main Square. This appearance was featured on May 11, and was

Trisha Powell is preparing her violin and her violin music for when the class starts their practice for the next performance.

titled, "Saturday Afternoon on Main Square".

Another project they completed was a musical in the HHS pit. This was titled "Once Upon a Mattress". The group also put on a Christmas show at Brookfield Zoo.

For a class of thirty eight students, their dedication is something that radiates much pride. Sophomore Mandy Siebold states, "Playing the violin has always been a great aspiration of mine. This class helps me relax and takes my mind off the stresses of school."



Band



PLAYING TO THE BEAT WHICH EXCELLENCE DEMANDS

The 1995 season for the Marching Trojan Pride under the new direction of Mr. Fred Elliott was a tremendous success.

Ole! The Pride marched to spicy Spanish tunes, and full of emotion in this year's show, *Una Fiesta de Musica*.

The show was comprised of three numbers: Children of Sanchez, Spain, and Casal's Suite. Soloists and ensemble members were Bryan Wurst, Carrie Stephen, Jason Robbins, Dave Wilson, Jessica Meyer, and Gretchen Schu. The season's Drum Majors were Senior Kim Smith and Junior Carrie Yatsko, and Guard Captains Senior Carrie Wilson and Junior Meghann Lowry.

The band did well at all of its competitions, once again taking first place in their class at Chesterton, and overall Grand Champion in Jenison, Michigan.

This year the band, in addition

Here, Kim Smith directs the Highland Trojan band team during a football halftime show.

A Highland High School band member enjoys playing the trombone during a football half time performance.

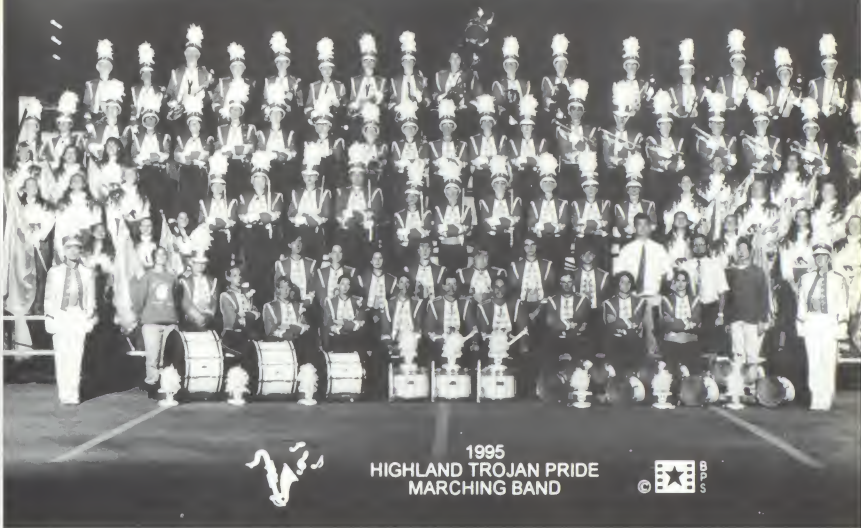
to regular contests, competed and gave a spectacular performance at the Bands of America Grand Nationals competition. At the Nationals, which were held at the RCA dome in Indianapolis, the band took home a 1st division rating in their class.

After marching season came to a close, the band continued on with Concert, Jazz, and Pep Band, entertaining the crowds. The Highland High School Band truly does play to the beat which excellence demands.

• Gretchen Schu

Carrie Wilson, from the dance team, performs a dance during a football halftime show with the band.





1995
HIGHLAND TROJAN PRIDE
MARCHING BAND



Top: A picture of the Highland Trojan Marching band altogether. Far left: Here band members practice playing their clarinet during a hard day at class. Left: Kim Smith directs the band during a halftime show. Below: Here Carrie Wilsson and Melissa McManus throw up the baton during a halftime show with the band.



SNOWFLAKE

Feel the
warmth of a
Snowflake

Last year the Snowflake staff was happy when they were able to get only eighty participants to attend the over night event. This year they were shocked and ecstatic when that number doubled. One hundred and sixty middle school teenagers came out to participate in the December 1-2 Snowflake.

Over the years, I have worked with many great staffs. To say that this was the best group that I have ever worked with would be the biggest understatement. They deserve so much more to be said about them.

Very tired is also what I would call the thirty-five Snowflake staff members after the event was finished. Three group leaders took on the job of watching a small group of about twelve to fifteen participants for about twenty-four hours straight. It just shows how dedicated these people are.

Even though this was the last Snowflake event that I will ever staff, the memories of the special people that I have encountered over the years will stay with me forever. I will always look back on this year and those remarkable memories and the love. I hope our staff and our participants feel the same.

• Jennifer Gnerlich



Jennifer Gnerlich and Dave Grove directed Snowflake. Shannon Gogolak, Angel Ventling, and Melissa McManus will direct next year.

The Snowflake staff poses for an afterschool picture following a meeting to organize activities for Snowflake '96.



Above, Jen and Dave have fun outside of Snowflake and right, each small group dedicated something special to the "Ladder Presentation".



This year's Snowflake
was Cool Beans!

Junior staff member,
Julie Beanblossom





Both staff member Shawna Pitts, left, and eighth grade participant Dan Bruce, right, know how to have fun in their own way at Snowflake. Junior TJ Mucha, left, helps untangle and at closing, while the senior staff members, above receive yellow roses, symbolizing friendship, before they left their last Snowflake event. Junior Shannon Gogolak and sophomore Ryan Wilson show Snowflake can create special friendships.

Ceramics

Sculpting out the "creative" side.

There is a new class offered this year at Highland. It falls under the arts and crafts category, and it is taught by Ms. Kiessling. It's ceramics! Ms. Kiessling says, "Many people are under the impression that the ceramics are ready made, and all we do is paint them. Actually we go through the whole process of molding from scratch."

This year, there are two ceramics classes. They are mostly made up of girls. Although, Senior Terry McDonald says, "I'm discovering my feminine side in this class." They have already learned these methods: coil pot, slab cylinder project, pinch pots, darting, a tile project, and cat's eye cylinder.

In the future, they plan on using the pottery wheel. The wheel is a device where you use your foot to press a lever which controls the speed. It spins around and molds a pot. "Pottery in the wheel is really hard! When I tried it for the first time, I couldn't get the hang of it," quotes Senior Meggen Mastej, "It has to be per-

Kristin VanTil molds her clay pot. Sarah Darnell, Katy Evilsizor and Pam Bedka sculpt while Erin Seidel works on her project.

Junior Betty Emslander creates a masterpiece with her clay while Junior Erin Seidel shapes the top of her sculpture using her hands.

fectly centered, or else it just won't work!"

The kiln, which is the oven that bakes the molded pottery, swelters up to about 2,000 degrees. The bisque projects, which are done in white clay, do not need the kiln to be as hot as with the glaze projects. Glaze projects are done in dark clay. The clay is kept moist from day to day by using water or vinegar.

For only being the first year of ceramics, it proved to be a success. Katy Evilsizor says "If you have creative mind and imagination, ceramics is the class for you. It's great!"

•Rachael Bishop

Junior Maria Ortiz molds her ball of clay into a work of art while Junior Dennis Bolda gets to the fine points of his project.





Home *and* Shop Economics

Are more guys taking Home Ec, and are more girls taking Shop?

It's a battle of the sexes. Home Ec classes are more feminine, and Shop classes are masculine. But who's to say that females can't take Shop and males can't take Home Ec?

That idea died a long time ago. First, women won the right to vote. Then, there were more advances made, including many firsts for women.

Guys have always been portrayed as rough and having no feelings. As the times are changing, so are those ways. Guys aren't afraid of showing a more creative side, and Home Ec is full of creativity.

A few types of shop classes are Drafting, Transportation Technology, and Communications Technology. Today Industrial Arts are so advanced that there is a lot of helpful information that can always be put to use. Senior Ron Zurek says, "At first I took Construction just for an extra credit, but now I wish I would have taken better advantage of the class."

Foods, Clothing, and Family Relations are just a few examples of Home Ec classes. These classes teach about dealing with relationships as well as learning practical skills. Junior Deanna Crum says, "I'm really glad I took Child Development; it was a great experience."

So, it seems that it is wise and useful to be more open-minded when choosing your electives.

• Angie Koleno



Freshman Jennifer York is cooking in Foods. Mrs. Damasius helps sophomores Chris Slager and Joe Stanisz in preparing their meal.

Sophomore Natalie Zdonek is mixing her eggs. Tim Trubach, Mark Alcalá, and Craig Friedrich are working hard in shop class.





Senior Chris Kopischke is hard at work in Construction class, while senior Steve Ziemniak is concentrating at his computer.

Seniors Jeff Lane and John Baccino are discussing what they can use on their layout, while Josh Kuechenberg puts his rolls in the oven.

BACK IN BUSINESS

TAKING THE
FUTURE BY
STORM...

The Highland High School Business Department prepares students for the millions of business opportunities existing in the world today.

There are many business classes available to Highland students. These include, keyboarding, computer applications, accounting, and Business Law. Through these classes, students get the basic feeling of this competitive field.

Technology is a part of today's world. Computer literacy is an important factor when considering an applicant. The Business Department helps the computer illiterate become more intune with modern technology and be able to seize those jobs and dreams.

Whether you wish to become a lawyer, a secretary, or a teacher; modern technology will be a part of your every day existence. Highland Business classes provide students with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in this highly

competitive field. The Business Department also sponsors the Business Professionals of America. This group gives students the chance to compete in marketing, dictation, and sales.

The Business Department and Business Professionals of America help prepare students for the future...the future looks bright.

•Michael Koby

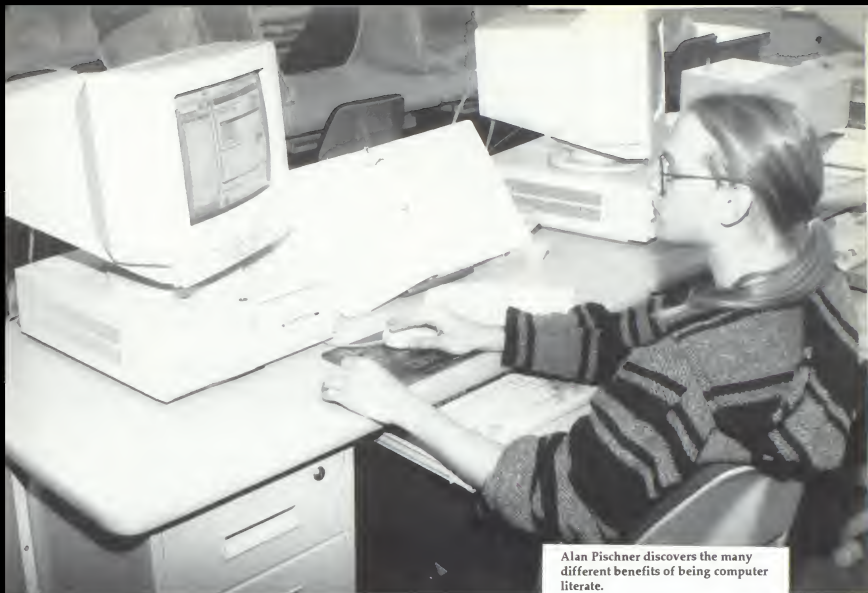
Ms. Lovin helps student, Jason Apps, with the basics of computer application by explaining his computer.



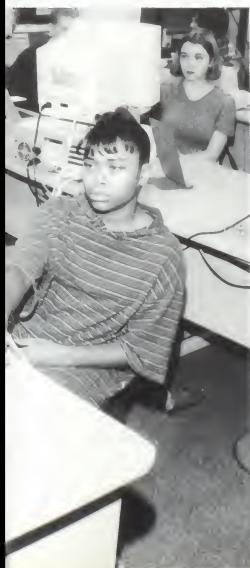
This student increases his knowledge of computers by studying the basic skills of computer literacy during class.

Junior, Christina Gutierrez, struggles to finish her Computer Literacy assignment in time.





Alan Fischner discovers the many different benefits of being computer literate.



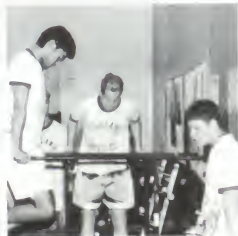
Tizah Jones practices using her computer in hopes that her knowledge will help her in the future.

Student, Kara Chapman, receives help using her computer from Ms. Lovin during Computer Literacy.



WEIGHTS, AEROBICS & Bringing a healthy side to the day

PHYS ED.



Passing a class is usually not a life or death situation, but for freshman P.E. it was exactly that. During the course of one week the students studied the techniques of C.P.R. At the end of the week they were given a chance to test their skills on an Actar, a model dummy.

Who says class can't be fun? Advanced Aerobics class was a chance to kick back while burning off those extra calories. The class wasn't all that easy though; each student had to create and perform an original aerobics routine while

leading the class.

Weights class gave students a chance to exercise their muscles while learning the proper way to weight train. The new weight room made the class even more enjoyable.

During the course of Health and Safety students learned about drug abuse, proper eating, and good self esteem.

•Deanna Herrin

Above, Ms. Wilson's Aerobics class learns a peppy new routine. Left, students cheer on Junior Pedro Pedroza and Sophomore Eric Micheltree as they perform push-ups on the bars in weights class.



Left, Freshman Margaret Menke, Ryan Manno, and Carrie Kulczyk learn the techniques of C.P.R. This was required for all freshman P.E. classes as a six weeks course.

It was not uncommon to see the Physical Education classes running around the campus. In the center, Freshman Mike Fuentes works on finishing yet another lap.

Photo by Ron Zurek.



Above, Freshman Melissa Gonzalez laughs in the pool among her gymclass buddies. Ms. Ryzeski teaches a six week swimming class to all of the freshman P.E. students.

Coach Urban leads an interesting discussion in his second hour Quest class. This class teaches you to deal with everyday problems. Seniors Rachel Guzman and Terrence McDonald listen intently.

Social Studies

Bringing The Planet
Down To Size

- Government • History
- Geography • Economics
- Psychology • Sociology

The Social Studies courses at Highland High play an important role in the academic lives of the students. Some classes are required, while others can be taken as electives.

Subjects range from World Geography to the government and economic state of a country. Most World Geography classes are comprised of freshman and sophomore students. Because it is a requirement for the Academic Honors Diploma, World Geography is a popular class. Here, students take a semester of United States Geography and a semester of world geography, learning the capitals, major cities, and physical layout of many countries.

As a junior, U.S. History is a mandatory class, taught by either Mr. Greg Petrin or Mr. Steve Edwards. In this course, students learn about the United States from the early 1800's to present day.

Students focus on how the United States is run in Mr. Petrin's government classes. Economics is another required course for seniors and one that teaches about principles of business, the stock market, and other financial concerns in our country today.

Possible electives which aren't required but build a good foundation for college courses include Psychology and Sociology, taken in a student's junior or senior year. Anyone interested in unraveling the processes deep within the mind or the complicated way in which our society interacts with itself should consider these classes.

The wide variety of Social Studies classes, ranging from freshman to senior year, helps to prepare students for their future. This is important to students as they prepare themselves for an ever changing and evolving world.

• Christine Miller, Matt Pepee

Senior Josh Hanak works on a homework assignment in Mr. Sunny's Econ class.

Teacher Mr. Greg Petrin addresses his U.S. History class on America's Civil War.

Senior Sherry Verway takes notes in Mr. Douglas Fralinger's Psychology class.





Mr. Fralinger lectures to one of his classes by explaining the material as well as writing important information on the board.

Senior Katie Evilsizor listens to a class lecture given by Mr. Fralinger, while other students take notes on the material.

Senior Helen Colby works on a lesson about the U.S. Congress in her government assignment, given by teacher Mr. Greg Petrin.

Science Exploration and Discovery

Science is a way of asking and answering questions about the world. It is a way that our species can learn about the world around us. Plants, animals, matter, energy, the earth, space, and weather are all areas Highland high school science students explore. Whether it's in physics, chemistry, biology, or earth space; Highland high school students are using their science skills to discover the universe's secrets.

Science Olympiad is a chance for students to further pursue their interest in various areas of study. Science Olympiad went to state competition on March 26. Highland's team gave an impressive show in many events. These events included many different fields of science.

Science is one of those subjects that has affected the past, affects the present, and will affect the

future. Whether you are hurrying to finish an experiment for chemistry class or struggling to keep good notes in physics class, science plays an important part in the lives of Highland High school students.

As the population grows and environmental problems expand, students with knowledge of basic and complex sciences will be needed to remedy these various problems. Highland High school science classes prepare students for these upcoming dilemmas by stressing the fundamentals of science.

Science is constantly expanding and will continue to offer opportunities for Highland High school students.

•Michael Kobayashi

Mr. Elston demonstrates an important lesson to his students. Mr. Elston tries to express science in simple terms.

Sophomore, Beth Lomax, thoughtfully answers each new question. Science is all about answers and questions!

Shanon Chiang carefully finishes her scientific experiment. Hands-on experience is an important part of science class.

Nick Negovetich explores the wonders of science. Reality is sometimes much stranger than the imagined.

Remember those annoying labs in Chemistry class?! Many science students struggle with these each week.



The Science Olympiad won second in regionals and went to state competition on March 26.

Nate Damasius struggles with his experiment in Physics class. Experiments are proof of the student's comprehension.

Senior, Rachel Guzman, knows the importance of scientific knowledge. Science teaches us to be aware!



MATH

They've Got
Your Number!

Numbers & Equations
Are Top Floor Priority

**MATH LAB USAGE INCREASES
AS STUDENT INTEREST SOARS**

Math. The class you try to understand as the teacher explains the problem. The class that tries to make the hour stand still.

This four letter word is one some high school students hate to hear. Here are some alternative math classes where you do more than just book work.

Tech prep algebra is one of these. This course focuses on problem solving techniques, measurement skills, data handling and the use of formulas to solve problems. This course you do not get a book, only a workbook. In tech prep algebra you work in groups most of the time. You also do some fun activities. Tech prep algebra is a two year course.

Another class you can take after tech prep algebra is tech prep geometry. This class is taught with a more informal approach than a regular geometry course. This course is designed for students who are headed for vocational-technical careers.

In regular classes from pre-algebra

Concentration becomes all important in most math classes, as numbers and math concepts fly in teacher lectures on a number of topics.

Ms. Sandra Leeney helps sophomore Megan Jones understand point slope equations and point slope intercepts in Algebra II class.

to Calculus, students will sometimes get a break from the old book work, and go into the new computer math lab. Students who take those courses prefer to go to the computer lab than do homework, plus it helps them understand the material a lot better. Some even say they should go into the computer lab more often than usual. Teachers take advantage of the opportunity.

• Julie Beanblossom

Mr. William Thegze asks the class about an equation in algebra class and of course he gets a fast answer from many of his smart students.



Fun Facts


- Math students climb the most stairs to reach their classes
- Mr. Kessler has a tie for every school day of the year — Count 'em!
- Math lab usage is up due to student priority on grades, advancement



Junior Dana Culic show the calculation of an equation to senior Aaron Underwood in Algebra II class.

Mr. Mel Anderson explains a proof to help out sophomore Mark Leyva on a tough problem in geometry class.

Eⁿglish...

"To be  or not to be..."

For the whole four years we spend at Highland, English is a part of them. From English to math. English is everywhere.

Everyone groans when it's time to do vocab, an aspect of English we get to enjoy all four years. Just because we are exposed to it, does not mean we don't come up with our own vocabulary.

Students at Highland have two forms of English: the form their English teachers try to teach them, and the form they speak with their friends. Popular words in our social English include *like*, *cool*, and *dude*.

Who invents these new words in our vocabulary is unknown, but new words spread like word of a pop quiz. These new words can come from anywhere, and have any meaning prior to the one we give them. For instance, take the word *sweet*, before we got a hold of it, it meant "having a sugary taste". Now most

of the time we say it, we mean *cool*.

The length of time these words stay in our vocabulary varies. Some words have been passed down from generation to generation.

There are many things we will remember about high school as we get older, we probably will always remember our favorite slang word, as well as a few vocab words which really did sink into our daily usage.

Words stuck with us. As we get older, our language will ideally change to the form our English teachers tried to teach us while we were at Highland.

•Christyne Thys

Senior Carrie Stephen is paying attention to Mr. Huber's lecture while sophomore Olivia Griner concentrates in on an article.

Mrs. Judy Musselman helps senior Rasem Isa work out a problem with his term paper in the ATT Lab.

Senior Shawn Fanning, with Seniors Lynette Dobrowolski and Aaron Willman, are enjoying their last English class.

Senior Matt Pepelea is working on the new computers in the Journalism Room, while he gets help from Christine Miller.

Tom Damron and Shawna Pitts practice their knowledge about layout and design in Journalism class.

Mrs. Clements, formally Ms. Pullins, is glad to know that her class is paying attention to the day's lesson.





Foreign Language Clubs & Honors



The Foreign Language clubs and Honor Societies are: French Honor Society, German Club, Japanese Club, and Spanish Honor Society.



Building Bridges

with Foreign Languages



Chouette. Divertida. Prima.

These are just some of the words used to describe the world of foreign languages that Highland High School has opened up to its students. Whether it's German, French, Spanish, or Japanese, you seem to hear a lot more than just English being spoken around the school nowadays.

With the help of teachers such as Mr. Doukas, Mrs. Certa, Mrs. Lopez, and Mrs. Rogers, Highland students can now take part in experiencing language, culture, and other aspects of foreign countries. During class not only the language is taught, but students also learn about customs, literature and art, and the geography of the country. Cultural experiences allow students to sample foreign foods, see movies, and learn native dances and songs.

After school hours, some students may choose to be a part of the foreign language clubs: French Club, German Club, Japanese Club, Spanish Club, and the adjoining honor societies. The clubs hold meetings after school and even go on field trips, such as to Great America and on picnics.

Every year, language students who have maintained an A average in their class for three semesters are inducted into the Honor Society. A large International Dinner was held this year on March 14 for the 1996 inductees.

• Amanda Taalman, Melissa Wilkinson

Mr. Kaminski lends a helping hand to one of his students, as junior Anne Schmal works to finish her homework.

Carrie Ziemniak talks with Mrs. Lopez, while Jon Seremet dances with Carrie Wilson at the International Dinner.





A Cultural Experience



Top right: The whole group poses in front of the Fountains of Nice. Above: Senior Mike Underwood plays the Alpine horn and the Glockenspiel will strike 12:00.

Right: River towns were common in Europe. Bottom: the group stands on the Kapellbrücke Bridge in Lucerne.



Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad started the year with a short call-out meeting and went right to practice. Practice, practice, and, yes, that's right - more practice! Their practicing paid off. This group went to Regionals at Purdue Calumet and, with their knack for science, placed as one of the top three schools in the region and qualified to compete down state at IUPUI. The state competition wasn't easy on the new team. They did have some younger, less experienced participants but they just worked harder. The medals they earned for their speed and accuracy proved their ability and hard work. The team placed eighth in state. The team returned home, garished with medals and ready to start practicing again! The team hopes to make it to state and accomplish more next year. Mostly they want to go back for the food. Nick Negovetich says the guys all agreed that the food is better in Indianapolis!

•Shannon Gogolak



"The entire science trip was a very condusive and intellectually stimulating experience."

Chris Andrus

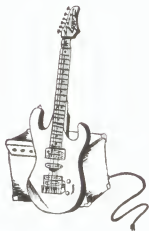


Left: Junior Teresa Furman won a one-thousand dollar scholarship. Above: Juniors Dave Miller and Chris Andrus work on "Mission Impossible."



Top right: The Science Olympiad State Champions! Above: Junior Nick Negovetich prepares to test a tower.

WEAVE ME A RAINBOW



With No Fear

Beauty of a field of daisies
The streams of sunlight shine upon your face
An inner happiness surrounds you
A fondness
A love
For those whom you hold dear
Kind words
A warm touch
Entering darkness with no fear
A placid stream drawing you near
Clear reflection of what you hold dear
A happy time
Kind, filled with love
An open heart with free mind
searching for the stars above
A clear feeling of inner beauty
In a field of daisies
With a blazoned sun shines down.

Denise Walters

My Depth

My sea.
My endless cradle of peace and happiness.
My turmoil.
My flunked test and failed grade.
My sea.
A place of rest and restoration.
My fear.
Rejection by a group of friends.
My sea. My comfort.
Problems, fears, turmoil, unhappiness
rising above me.
I sink, and sink, and sink.

The water above me is choppy but
I am still.
My problems vanish as air in water rising
farther above me as I sink, and sink, and sink.
I stop.
My teddy bear waits on my bed for my slumber.
I rest.
My problems are away from me in my sea.
My depth.

Kenna Hasselhoff



Be, Being, Been

The future is before me,
the past still far behind.
The present, at the moment
seems nowhere to be
found.

The dreams of yesterday faded
into the pale sun at dawn
And all that once was here
has flown away into
my shadow.

Who sees what is at
hand before it is at all?
Why ask what is to be
when being is but the
essence?

Look back and see what's been.
Look ahead to see what is to be.
Be blinded to all but a
reflection
And simply see what is.

Amanda Taalman

Alone

Alone in a crowd
A mild wind blows
I look for the future which no one knows
The scared little faces of children on the street
A defiant young youth who refuses to speak
An old man sitting at the corner store
The older woman walking out the front door
We retreat to a world in which no one understands
Some are locked into a room
Others are out there searching for the moon
We look to our future to reveal bits of wisdom
They add to their knowledge
Keep and hold fast to all you have learned.
Alone in a crowd
Sit and observe
See if it's you and what you have learned
Is this who you've wanted to be?
But if it's not, then change, you know how
Scared little faces, defiant youth, the older, the leaving
Whose path do we choose
Follow your heart
Then follow your mind
Never leave people two steps behind
Alone in a crowd
Searching for your wisdom

Denise Walters

Beauty

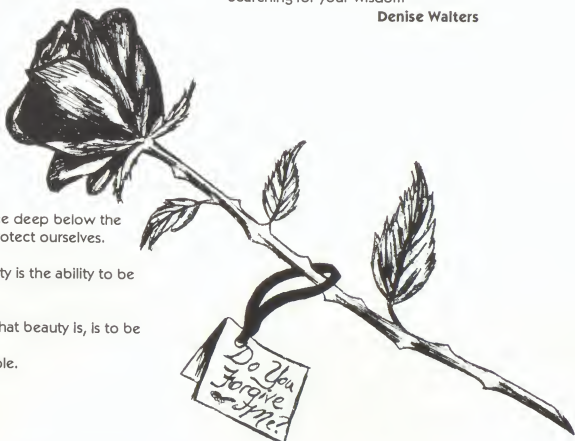
Beauty is being able to see deep below the
masks that we wear to protect ourselves.

The true essence of beauty is the ability to be
yourself.

To be able to describe what beauty is, is to be
able to describe love:
Both are indefinable.

Love is a feeling.
Love is a state of mind.
Love is a person.
Love is.

Melissa Wilkinson



Nothing More Valuable

There's nothing more valuable to man than his imagination.

Without it, life would be too many shades of grey.

Our imagination allows us to escape from reality for awhile, and dream and create things otherwise unimaginable.

Lately, however, people seem to be less interested in their creative mind. All they think of is work, work, work, money, money, money.

We need to take more time in life to expand on creativity.

*If not,
all our stories will die,
and our dreams will fade.*

• Amanda Taalman



The Future

*Hope for the future,
Don't dwell in the past.
Live in the present and make today
last.
Pray for tomorrow,
Let your life live on
Hope for the future
Because yesterday is gone.*

Shawna Pitts



A Signature

*Love is a signature engraved deeply on your heart,
Written in a special ink with long and lasting art.
Monogrammed with trust and care, a sweet and tender
rhyme,
Outlined with a familiar smile and memories of time.
Love is a dream you dream so your mind can ease the pain,
A daydream of sunshine in the sky, when all you see is rain.
A thought of being together, knowing someone is there.
A wish for laughs and happiness, enough to give and share.
Love is an image of how you feel and want to be
A reflection of the way you live and what you like to see.
A picture of yourself and the things you like to do,
An impression left about the ones that mean so much to you.*

Shawna Pitts



THE SATELLITE

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Letter From the Editors



Find out what this year's Satellite is all about!

Dear Fans,

As we creep closer to the new century, many new thought and ideas are breaking through the old. It was while we were thinking of this that we came up with the idea of a longer edition of our mini-magazine for the yearbook.

This year's Satellite orbits

around these new thoughts and ideas. It focuses on what's going on with Highland High's students and what we're all about.

We hope that something in here catches your eye. Okay, so some of this stuff has been covered before, and probably will be discussed again and

again. Let's face it, these are things that warp a teen's brain daily! So, flip through this edition, see what you discover. You'll want to read it again cover to cover!

• Jen Tom, Mai Lei Naglich,
& Rachel Courtright



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OUR PAST BECOMES OUR PRESENT



NU'VE BASI



A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Charm Necklaces Popular and Muscle Men	Nintendo Punky Brewster #1 T.V. show	Girls wore the feathered-look hairstyle	Class of '96 starts Jr. High.	Tight-Rolling jeans are in style	Class of '96 begins High School	Flying pennies in classrooms, snow in the hallways	Grunge look takes over (roll out of bed look)	Graduation	
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Highland HOT RODS High's

Let's face it, everyone needs a car. The question is which one is right for you. There are many choices for every personality.

Surprisingly enough even Highland, the town we live in, has an unbelievable variety of cars, from the sleek new cars to yesterday's muscle cars. "It's a great experience to walk out of school and see all the neat new cars and hear the rumble of all the older cars when the day is over," says senior Ron Zurek.

However, there are many teachers who enjoy cars as well. If you were to go out to the teacher's parking lot you would find many beautiful styles of cars.

Although today's cars are expensive, it doesn't stop a true car lover from building or buying his or her hot rod.

• Jeff Chicki



Top ten selling cars of 1995

- 1) Ford F-Series pickups
- 2) Chevrolet pickups
- 3) Ford Explorer
- 4) Ford Taurus
- 5) Honda Accord
- 6) Toyota Camry
- 7) Ford Ranger
- 8) Honda Civic
- 9) Saturn
- 10) Ford Escort



This beautiful blue 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme belongs to Ron Zurek. This classic car has seen Highland High School's parking lot since 1990, in its best and worst condition. In

1995 it was restored for the fourth time. According to Ron this car will never die. Although she's been through a lot she's ready for another 100,000 miles. Photo by J.Chicki

Out With the Old and In With the New

If you like cars you can appreciate all the new and different styles. If you don't get into cars that much you still probably think that there are some real neat cars, and the best thing about it is everyone needs to have one. Today's new designs are stimulating the car people of the world.

There are millions of ways to see all of these new cars. Especially in the Chicago land area. We have car shows around here almost every other weekend. There are car show at The McCormick Place, Rosemont Convention Center, and even local places like Miami Subs or Levin Tire. For that matter, you can go over to Blue Top on a nice Friday or Saturday night and see many new or old cars. So go check out the cars around here; you might be amazed at how interesting it can be.

Cars are an essential and expensive part of life. Without a car we would not be able to do many of the things we do today. "If I didn't have a car I wouldn't be able to go out with my boyfriend," said junior Robyn Bognar. As you can see cars play a major role in everyone's life, leaving us with no acceptable substitute. So what would you do without your car? Would you decide to hoof it or ride a bike?

• Jeff Chicks



This awesome 1996 Firebird Convertible has found its way into the teacher's parking lot. The 1996 Firebird Convertible is the first Firebird ever offered in the convertible style.

It also has an optional 5.7 liter V8 for all the power you need. Who knows how this one found its way here, but however it did, it sure is beautiful car. Photo by J.Chicks



Highland High School's parking lot has many classic, modern, and just plain old beater cars. Everyone who parks out there could probably tell you whose car is whose just because they

see them every day. Another thing about the parking lot is the unique style that some people decide to park in. If you drive to school, you understand. Photo by J.Chicks

The Road to
the *Future*



"I Got Run Over By A Golf Cart!" "What Hour Is This, Katy??"

It happened when I went to Jellystone Park. The way you get places is either by golf cart, moped, or 4 wheelers.

Well, a couple of friends and I were riding in a golf cart. We were listening to some music and I decided to stand up and wave to the fine guy behind us.

When I started to set back down, the driver thought she was cool and pressed the brake, just to give me a little jolt.

Well, the driver pressed the brake a little too hard, and out I flew. I did a complete 360° over the golf cart and got run over by another golf cart very quickly.

The result of the story is that I now have eight screws, four pins, and a metal plate in my hand. Not what I wanted to take through a lifetime as a souvenir of Jellystone Park!

• Valerie Padilla

The second day of second semester I was going to all my classes and it was 5th hour time for government.

I sat down next to my friend Heather Hugus, and we were talking about stuff.

Soon Mr. Petrin's student teacher, Mr. Molnar, was taking attendance. After he was finished, I knew he forgot my name. I said, "You didn't call my name!"

Mr. Molnar answered, "What is your name?"

I told him and he said that I wasn't on his list. Mr. Petrin then took a look at his 6th hour class list and smiled. "What hour is this, Katy?" he asked.

Right then I knew I was in the wrong class and I felt like the biggest nerd. I was quite embarrassed and I still get teased about it, even though I am a senior!

• Katy Evilsizor



HE Said/

SHE Said

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On Football:

She says: "Cute guys!!!"

He says: "Superbowl! YES!"

On Shopping:

She says: "Where's the Gap?"

He says: "Where's the FOOD COURT?"

On College:

She says: "My future depends on it."

He says: "PARTY!!!"

On Break-ups:

She says: "I can't believe it! My life is over!"

He says: "GOOD. Now I have time to hang out with the guys!"

On Dating:

She says: "A romantic walk on the beach."

He says: "Rent a movie."

On Cheating:

She says: "NEVER!!!"

He says: "Just don't get caught!"

BEDROOMS & LOCKERS: WHERE PRIVACY DWELLS

A LOOK AT A STUDENT'S MOST
PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Privacy. There aren't many places you can call your own. In fact, with the exception of the outside air, your bedroom and your locker are some of the few places that you alone can escape to. If you're lucky. Others, the not so fortunate, are forced to share their humble dwellings with siblings, or in the case of the lockers, friends. Junior Kristen Chapman says, "I was fourteen when I got my own room. I was overjoyed at the privacy and freedom of being on my own. I even got my own phone line!"

The bedroom, for many, is a place of personal satisfaction. It is

a place to relax, be it with friends or alone. "My room is smokin'," states senior Tetia Lee. The locker also gives us a chance to express our creativity (with magnets, of course). Junior Dennis Bolda shares a locker with four girls. "They all have big clothes and my locker always jams." Hopefully he still makes it to class on time. Whatever the case may be, you can always find comfort inside the bedroom walls.

• Rachael Bishop



Happy Birthday

The cake, the presents, the wishes. Birthdays seem to be the only day that totally revolves around you.

So what do HHS students do to celebrate the joyous day? Most say that the only way to celebrate a birthday right is to surround yourself with tons of pals and tons of presents.







It only comes around once a year, so remember: birthdays come and birthdays go; no matter what you do, let the good times flow!

• Jen Tom & Mai Lei Naglich



Phone excuses

I have to go because... 

-  My cookies are burning
-  The sink is overflowing
-  I think I'm getting sick
-  I have to feed my fish
-  I have to eat
-  Someone needs the

phone

To Date ...

Can you play
The Dating Game?

Or Not To Date?

Ahhh!!! Time's running out! It's 5:37, your dates' coming at 5:45, and you still have to brush your teeth, do your hair, get dressed...

Wow, getting ready for dances can be pretty stressful! Although they are tons of fun, dances take a lot of time, planning, and patience.

It takes most girls about 3-7 hours, and guys roughly take 45 minutes to get ready for a dance.

The girls' schedule usually starts with a morning shower. Then it's off to the beauty salon to get your hair done. Next, you go home, get dressed (don't forget deodorant!), do your make-up, spray on your favorite perfume, and you're ready to go!

On the other hand, guys start their morning in the afternoon. Then after brunch, a nap. Next, wake up, take a shower, shave, slick the hair back, a little cologne, and go!

It takes the girls a considerably longer time to get ready than the guys.

Even though there is lots of time, energy, and hard work; which seems to be wasted, It's all worth it in the end!



Above: Junior Julie Beanblossom shows that it takes a lot of time to get ready for dances...but it's worth it! Below are Monica Dyson and her boyfriend Ben.



Above: Highland students have fun at a dance. Right: Mrs. Cindy Heimberg and her husband, Eric, and newlyweds Mr. Dan Richardson and Miss Brenda Larson prove teachers date, too!

Top left: Robyn Bognar and Bobbi Bruner ditched their dates to cheese it for the camera!



The people you'll see . . .

The facial feature Highland
students notice first:

50% **eyes** 16% **hair**
29% **smile** 5% **teeth**

DATES

Do they cost you
your paycheck?

Are your pockets empty when you come home from a date; or do you have enough money to last you the rest of the week?

The students at Highland say the average amount spent on a date is \$20. Some say it's normal to pay \$50 to \$100! And the girls claim that the guys foot the bill!

Most of Highland's couples go to dinner at a restaurant where friends hang out before catching a flick at the theatre. But if you really want to impress our date, take them to a concert or a pro-sport event. However, that could "cost you an arm and a leg!"

Dating can get expensive. Unless you have a job, you could be broke for your next date!

There are, however, creative ways to share the expenses. If you go on many dates with one person, decide to alternate who pays for the date. It's also good to agree that the one who asks decides where to go and pays.

It really depends on how your date feels. It also depends on how much money each person has!

If the cash stash is low, stay home and rent a movie or do something that doesn't cost too much money-like help each other study (yeah, right!)

—Shannon Gogolak



. . . The places you'll go

Highland's Top
Five places to go
on dates:

Itallanni's
Round The Clock
Town Theatre
Dunkin' Donuts
Home



Above: Laura Hoolehan with Becki Kinder and Marc Cooper who are dressed to get noticed at a basketball game.

In My Opinion...

What's really on
the mind of
teens at HHS

Most teens are conformists. They talk alike, walk alike, and share the same likes and dislikes. The adolescent years are full of tough questions and emotional rollercoaster rides. We are all evolving into our own person, a separate identity, an individual. so why are so many teens concentrating on being alike? Rejection.

The fear of rejection is a major battle on the teen psyche. Are we going to be ridiculed for not joining the football team? Will we be less popular if we don't purchase the latest compact discs? Will we be less of a person if we let the popular cliques have their way with our bodies or minds?

It's important to be a leader and not a follower. We must be strong and stand our ground. Only the strong, independent, individualist will become something different...something rare...someone important. Noone has become famous by being like the mainstream society.

Would Gloria Steinman be idolized if she had spent her life cooking and cleaning, instead of becoming a leading feminist? Would Joan of Arc be idolized if she had remained in her peasant garb and farmed her life away? I think not. They are remembered for her difference, not equality.

We must stop trying so hard to impress our peers and start trying to expand our minds, goals, dreams, and imaginations. It's time for all teens to stand up, speak their minds, and be themselves. For those who cannot do this, do not ridicule those of us who are different, but admire us for our strength and courage.

"We know what we are, but not what we may be..." (excerpt from William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*)

•Michael Koby



Mooching. . .

The Art Mastered by Many

MOOCHING (N): THE ABILITY TO SCAM SOMETIMES LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, FOOD, CLOTHING ETC... IN A DECEPTIVE YET CLEVER METHOD.

MOOCHING IS POPULAR AMONG FRIENDS AND/OR WEALTHY RELATIVES WHO NEVER EXPECT COMPENSATION.

THERE ARE MANY TECHNIQUES IN THE ART OF MOOCHING. CASE #1) "THE BEST FRIEND YOU EVER HAD METHOD". IN IT, THE MOOCH M A G I C A L L Y TRANSFORMS HIM OR HERSELF INTO YOUR

BEST BUD. WHO YOU SHARE EVERYTHING WITH, INCLUDING YOUR MONEY!

2) THE "I'LL PAY YABACK" METHOD NO BRIDGE TOO BIG, NO MOUNTAIN TOO HIGH, YOU WILL BE REMBOURSED. (YEA, RIGHT). AND 3) THE "I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, SO I GUESS I JUST WON'T GO" METHOD. SELF-EXPLANATORY, EH?

THERE'S A MOOCH IN EVERY CROWD, MAYBE TWO OR THREE. THE BEST WAY TO DEFEAT THEM? JOIN THEM!

• MONICA DYSON

TOP FIVE BEST JOBS

1. PLAYSHAPERS
2. BABYSITTING
3. WAITRESS
4. STORE CLERK
5. MINER DUNN





TOP FIVE

1. MCDONALDS
2. SHAKEY'S
3. BURGER KING
4. SUBWAY
5. MIAMI SUBS

WORST JOBS

WEEKENDS

WHAT DO WE
MAKE OF THEM?



As the weekend draws closer, determination to finish the school week gets into an uproar.

Deciding what to do on the weekend brings the freedom of choices and a later curfew.

Traveling in groups seem to be the trend that teens set out to follow.

"Hanging out with more friends makes everything a lot more fun. Everyone's personality becomes more alive," remarks senior Angie Koleno.

On the other hand, too much of a good thing isn't all that great, either. Many hall-roamers at Highland do like to spend some weekend nights at home. So, as the old saying goes, "Be careful what you wish for, you might just get it!" If what you crave is a huge group of friends, you may bite off more than you can chew.

Decisions, decisions...How they turn out, choosing your destination is what it's all about.

'Mai Lei Naglich & Jen Tom



Above: Junior Melissa St. Aubyn gives a toothy grin while on her weekend escape. Top Left: Seniors Dan Nicksic and Rachel Guzman debate about what their weekend plans will be.



Is It In The Stars?

**Jan.20-
Aquarius
Feb.18**

You'll have loads of extra energy. You will want to have fun 24/7. Start setting new goals for yourself and the upcoming school year.

**Feb.19-
Pisces
March 20**

Working out will completely revive you and give you a boost. Convince your friends to do something outrageous - it will be a blast!

**March 21-
Aries
April 19**

You're self-esteem will soar big time. You'll hook up with a cool crew and have a total blast! Wherever you go, you'll make things happen.

**April 20 -
Taurus
May 20**

Stretch your limits in a positive direction. Your parents will think that you can do nothing wrong. Your great ideas will let you shine.

**May 21-
Gemini
June 21**

You'll discover that you need a break from the social scene, so chill a little. Taking charge of a project will make you feel bold.

**June 22-
Cancer
July 22**

You will get completely hooked on working out and starting to feel great. Spend time with your family - surprise! - you have loads of fun.

**July 23-
Leo
Aug. 22**

Accept challenges with grace and style. Let your best attitude shine through. Your luck and energy will get a big time boost, so make the best of it and enjoy yourself.

**Aug.23-
Virgo
Sept. 22**

Your creativity will go into overdrive. Your cutting edge style will get you noticed. Intense workouts will give you a feeling of being supercharged.

**Sept.23-
Libra
Oct. 22**

Things will begin to go so well for you, everyone will be envious! No one will be able to resist your charm. A close pal will come to you for some advice. Be truthful to him/her.

**Oct.23-
Scorpio
Nov.21**

Lying low will keep you feeling feeling relaxed. You'll be real psyched to hang close to home with your buds. It's a good time to have some mega fun.

**Nov.22-
Sagittarius
Dec.21**

Life has a magical way of working out for Sagittarians. Big-time changes will help you to get to know yourself better. Sagittarians usually the life of the party.

**Dec.22-
Capricorn
Jan. 19**

You will be feeling level-headed. Tons of cool invitations will roll in- and you'll accept all of them! You're extremely motivated and mysterious.



ASK MONICA & RACHAEL



WRITTEN THERAPY FOR YOUR MOST PERSONAL QUESTIONS

LOVE FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HEALTH

Dear M&R:

This guy who likes me (suprise) asked me to a dance, and I said yes. Then when a guy I have a crush on (who likes me too, of course) asked me, I said yes again! What should I do?

Signed, Fickle

Dear Fickle,

You've obviously already decided who you want to go with. You have to figure out how to let the other one down easy. Etiquette should tell you to go with the first person who asks you, and spite of the rejected guy's feelings, you should be as honest and straightforward as possible. Good Luck. ☺

Dear M&R:

I broke up with my girlfriend I was with for a year. We had a special relationship, and I ruined it. I want her back. Now, she's dating my best friend. Do I have a reason to be upset?

Signed, Lonely

Dear Lonely:

It seems to me you want her back for the wrong reasons. You're lonely and jealous and you've got to sort through your feelings before you ruin things with the best friend too. Remember, you broke up with her. ☺

Dear M&R:

I have this major problem. I met this girl, and she's really cute and I became really good friends with her. I think I love her. Should I tell her?

Signed, In love

Dear In love,

It looks like you're really stuck in a hole, unless you either a). know that she has more than friendly feelings for you or b) don't mind risking your friendship to find out. Keep a subtle approach and come on strong. ☺

Dear M&R:

I have always been overweight and on the homely side. I've tried to lose weight, but even when I'm skinny, I can't make friends. I'm a nice person inside; Why are people so superficial?

Signed, Friendless

Dear Friendless,

Your "friends" are a bunch of jerks. There are nice people who would love to be your friend. You don't always need to be with a group of people to have fun. Have you ever tried hiking or reading a book? It works for us! ☺
• by Monica Dyson and Rachael Bishop ☺



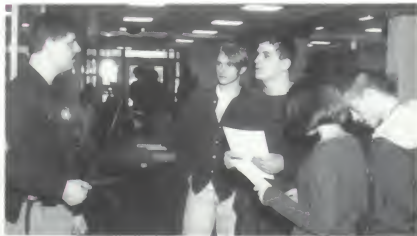
CAREER DAY!



Above, Highland grad and paramedic Scott Swinford tells students of his experiences. Erin Crosby considers library services.

Josh Malaves and fellow students from English class look at an x-ray display, and talk with a professional in the career.

Corporal George Georgeff discusses police work with Jeff Wilson and Jen Novak.





HHS GUIDANCE SPONSORS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER LIFE CAREERS

In yet another role it plays in the school, the HHS Guidance Department under the direction of Mrs. Corally McCann held a career day during February.

Experts in studio photography, police work, the medical technology field and food services were among those who set up booths and talked to students.

With time released during the day to visit the exhibits, students had time to get questions answered and to learn how to begin seeking the career they choose.

Above, Prestige Photography's Mr. Bob Skelly explains careers in photography to Erin Crosby and Jen Novak.

Left, Jill Sprainis, Lisa Anderson and Emily Barney go over the notes they have taken of available careers.





Highland held a drug search, and students worked at Career Day jobs, here at the HPD.

"Saturday Afternoon On Main Square" showcased HHS students' art and music talent.



It Happened In '96 — '97

Unabomber, Elections, Dog Search Top List of Busy News Year

As with any year in the rolling around of the planet, there was much that went on locally, in the state and country, as well as it the world.

Highland's own bike path became even more popular, with residents of all ages using the winding pedestrian road which ambles through the town. In a school board election of six candidates, voters chose to reelect School Board members Mr. Konnie Kuiper and Mr. Harry Ranney to new four year terms. Many students worked at the polls on the May 3 Election Day, which was also the Primary Day in Indiana.

Candidates Steve Goldsmith and Frank O'Bannon will now run against each other for the governorship of Indiana in the Fall.

In Highland there was still much controversy about the renovation of the Downtown. Highland Pharmacy went out of business, and two coffee shops opened up in the downtown area. While local government officials met to discuss strategies of making the downtown alive again, many wondered what the new Highland Downtown would be like.

Another dog search for drugs was held at Highland High School in the spring, and some drugs were found. Several students faced expulsion charges.

At the other end of town the Highland Grove shopping center grew, although residents did not want a large

superstore coming into the area. The new development of homes and apartments in Terrace Estates also was built.

One of the biggest stories of the new was the arrest of a suspect in the Unabomber slayings, and this filled the news. While the suspect is still not charged with the crimes at the time this book goes to press, there has been much in the news concerning evidence on his possible involvement in crimes which go back over 18 years.

O.J. Simpson became second page news although a civil trial wore on through the spring. Simpson went to England and put some of his money there, away from American banks and laws, and he was still news on many evening broadcasts, though most people decided they really didn't care that much about his case any more.

In national news, the country began the primary process toward the presidential election in the Fall. While President Bill Clinton faced no opposition in the Democratic Party, Senator Bob Dole went through some still challenges before he wrapped up the Republican Party's nomination. His biggest competition came from billionaire publisher Steve Forbes, who ran on the flat tax proposal. Another challenger was conservative spokesman Pat Buchanan.

It was truly a year of front page news at home and in the nation.

'In one school year students learned to follow election campaigns. Some voted, others worked at polls.

The Unabomber story filled the front pages and O.J. Simpson didn't.



Around Town

Familiar faces surround the Highland High School family

Highland is very rich in tradition. Throughout the town, there are many landmarks and features from which the people of Highland have become accustomed to seeing. These include quaint houses, friendly neighborhoods and many small family-owned businesses which are sprinkled throughout the area.

Some areas in Highland can date back to the 18th century. For example, Brantwood, east of Indianapolis Blvd., is one of the first subdivisions around. The houses along Ridge Rd. have also been here for quite some time.

Highland is a great place to set up businesses. Downtown has been the heart of Highland since the beginning. Many of the small businesses have been a part of our tradition for years. These landmarks are

known and recognized by the people of this great region of Indiana.

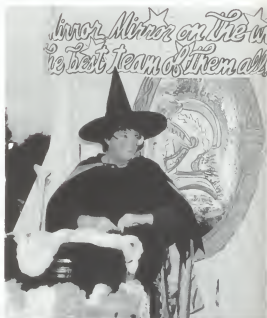
Highland High School was established in 1960. The students formerly attended Griffith High School. In 1960, the two towns parted due to the opening of the new school.

As tiny as Highland is, it truly has proved itself as a great town. It was voted the #1 place to live in Northwest Indiana, and now we must continue to live up to our reputation.

** Monica Dyson, Rachael Bishop*

Children of all ages enjoy HHS football. Parents join in Homecoming festivities, Mrs. Czaja attempts a cartwheel, Mrs. Egan throws a ball.

Konnie Kuiper shows interest in students while elementary students show their accomplishments in reading. Parents rally to support the Trojans.









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The heart and soul
of Highland High!

"The diversity of people in high school is so vast that my favorite sport is people-watching."
Senior Rachael Bishop

Highland High School students unite at a sectional basketball game to show support for the Trojans.

People play an extremely important role in the success of Highland High School. This is obvious through sports, clubs, academics, and classes. Students have always prided themselves in their achievements, great or small. The secret to this is through determination, which is nothing new to the HHS student body.

School Leaders mark transition; Dr. Shawver named new Superintendent



*Dr. Cartwright to finish
last year at Highland*

This year marked a milestone in the school system, with Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright announcing his retirement for the coming year. Dr. Dennis Shawver was named as the new Superintendent Designee, and the transition began.

Dr. Renner Ventling again led Highland High School as principal, with Assistant Principals Mrs. Barbara Merrill and Mr. Michael Backes.

Mr. Konnie Kuiper and Mr. Harry Ranney were again elected for another four years on the Highland School Board.

Mrs. Judith DeMuth and Mr. Michael Boskovich were School Town Directors, and Mr. Brad Smith was hired in April to be the new football coach and Assistant Athletic Director.

Many highlights marked the year.

Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright announced his retirement for next year. Dr. Dennis Shawver will then take the helm.

Highland Board of School Trustees



Mr. Harry Ranney
Member



Mrs. Judith Eller Bell
Vice President



Mr. Konnie Kuiper
President



Mr. Lawrence Vassar
Secretary



Mr. Thurman Ferree
Member

Dr. Ventling leads HHS through school year

Dr. Renner Ventling served as HHS Principal this year, with Assistant Principals Mrs. Barbara Merrill and Mr. Michael Backes. They attended many of the different activities which took place during the year.



Mrs. Judith DeMuth
Director



Mr. Michael Boskovich
Director



Mrs. Beth Copenhaver
Secondary Coordinator



Mr. Ken Bye
Athletic Director



Left, Mr. Gary Everhart was Computer specialist of the school system. Mrs. Corally McCann was Guidance Coordinator; Mr. Alan Swenson was Media Specialist.

Anderson, Mel: Math; Backes, Nancy: Guidance; Berg, Catherine: English; Borowski, Tim: Business; Boyd, Cindy: Math

Bredemier, Blake: Music; Cetta, Mr.: English, French; Chapman, Dan: Science; Damasius, Becky: Home Ec; Darrow, Ken: English

Doukas, Tom: Foreign Lang.; Dowdy, Ken: Art; Edwards, Steven: Soc. Studies; Erhart, Jeanette: Library; Farley, Lee: Science

Figi, Matthew: Math; Fralinger, Douglas: Soc. Studies; Hanson, Rob: P.E.; Hedges, Jerry: Guidance; Hill, Jim: Business

Huber, Micheal: English; Johnson, Larry: Science; Jones, Darrel: Math; Kammer, Jim: Guidance; Karr, Gloria: English

Kessler, Charlotte: Math; Kessler, Martin: Math; Kiessling, Amy: Art; Krausnick, Nancy: Science; Larson, Brenda: Home Ec.;

Leahy, Margaret: Foreign Lang.; Leeny, Sandra: Math; Lemon, Randall: English; Lopez, Elia: Foreign Lang.; Lovin, B.: Business

Martin, Bill: English; Mayer, Barbara: Journalism; Mazur, Jerry: Science; Mc Callister, Doug: Math; Mc Cann, C.: Guidance

Miller, D.: Soc. Studies; Muselman, Judith: English; Nowicki, Kathy: Science; Onoff, John: P.E.; Pazik, V.: Music





Pearson, Doug: Indus. Arts;
Petrin, G.: Soc. Studies; Petrin,
Joyce: Speech; Poi, Bert: Indus.
Arts; Pullins, Debra: English

Pyke, A: English; Richardson,
Dan: Science; Rogers, Diana:
Foreign Lang.; Ryzewski, D:
P.E.; Salinas, Louann: Foreign
Lang.

Shepherd, Shawn: Math; Sly,
Carolyn: English; Summers,
Tom: Soc. Studies; Sunny, Mic-
hael: Soc. Studies; Swenson,
Alan: AV;

Thegze, W: Math; Urban, Mic-
hael: Health; Wilson, Pamela:
P.E.; Zedian, Karen: Business

Faculty Shares HHS Spirit

Being Part of it all matters

Part of being a member of the Highland High School faculty includes not only teaching, but often becoming part of various student activities.

From the teachers who serve as sponsors, advisors, coaches and mentors, to those who dare to get involved with dress up days during Spirit Week, there are many teachers and staff members who take part in school activities.

Also this year, Highland has been dealt the loss of two teachers, Mr. Melvyn Anderson of the Math Department and Mrs. Barbara Lovin of the Business Department who have announced their retirements. Both have given long years of service to the

high school, and many of their students have gone on to lead successful lives.

Mr. Anderson was given an extra honor in being named Teacher of the Year by vote of the entire faculty.

All in all, it is the teachers of Highland High School who keep the classes going from day to day, and who help promote not only the spirit of learning, but the spirit of sharing and caring through their example and their dedication.

Highland High School is indeed fortunate to have an excellent teaching staff.

Mr. Marty Grubbs and Ms. Amy Kiessler help celebrate Spirit Week with costumes.



Adams, Evelyn: Staff; Augustine, Curt: Aide; Baez, Adam: Staff; Boskovich, Joan: Staff; Ceperich, Rose: Secretary

Coldwell, Shirley: Staff; Cooper, Marcy: Secretary; Ferguson, Debbie: Staff; Gogolak, Jean: Treasurer; Hall, Bill: Staff

Hall, L.: Aide; Heimberg, C.: Staff; Howard, Arlene: Attendance; Keil, Leslye: Staff; Kepchar, B.: Staff

Krikau, K.: Media; Kuiper, Marilyn: Secretary; Marcinek, J.: Staff; Morrill, Cyndi: Staff; Nightingale, E.: Staff

Ogrentz, Amy: Aide; Peterson, June: Staff; Ray, Joan: Mentor; Rieckhoff, Karen: Library Aide; Sullivan, Joe: Staff



Staff Members Make Sure All Facets of HHS Run Well

Behind every great institution is a great staff. Like the well-oiled gears of a machine, these people work hard so that as a whole, success is achieved.

Every year one of these parts of the whole is recognized by the community as essential. This year's Teacher of the Year is Mr. Mel Anderson, a teacher in the Mathematics Department. He has put thirty-four years of dedication into Highland and will be greatly missed as he retires this year.

Teachers are only a part of this whole institution. Secretaries like Mrs. Gogolak, Mrs. Ferguson, and Mrs. Kuiper keep school running smoothly, while Mr. Augustin and Mrs. Hall keep students under control as they roam the halls.

We are fortunate enough

at Highland to have a great athletic program. We owe all of that to people like Mrs. Sorota, the secretary of the athletic office, and our fine coaching staff. They make each athlete proud to be a Trojan, and leave every fan wanting more.

Not one of these people should be forgotten, nor their job taken lightly. If you take time to think about it all, we as students, are very lucky to have such qualified teachers and a supportive staff.

Far left, Mrs. Clements brings an element of surprise to her English class. Mrs. Sorota discusses sports with her aid Jeremy Cash.

At right, Mel Anderson was voted Teacher of the Year. Below, Barbara Lovin is retiring this year with Mr. Anderson.



Senior Class Sponsor Mr. Mike Huber leads the procession in to the 1996 graduation ceremonies.

* SENIOR DIRECTORY *

INVOLVEMENT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Albrecht, Mary Aud.1-4, Pres, VP, Tech Dir. Light. Mgr. Ger. Cl.1-3; Key Cl.4; NHS 3-4, Ger. HS 3-4, Mentor, Orch.1-3; SC2HTC2, Peer Tutor 4. A1S herif, Dana Key Cl.1-2-4; French Cl.1-4; TREND 4. Amaniadis, Koula Fr. Cl.1-2Fr. HS3-4; Mentor, VP1; BB 1-2; Scr 3; Tk 1,2; V1-2. Anderson, Todd SpHS2-4; Mentor. Babcock, Kevin Scr.1-4. Baccino, John Aud.1-2, Band1-3; Bid. Trade 3; Nat. Helper1; SC3; FB 4. Bakker, Dave Bl. Dr.4; Key Cl.1; Pr. Court 3; Home. Court 4 NHS 3-4; SpHS 2-3; Honor Dip; Nat. Help. 1; Student Ad. Board 1-4; SC4; Swim 1-4; X-C 3-4. Batka, Jennifer Var. Choir 1-4; Sp Cl.1-2; Science Oly. 1; Nat. Helper 4; Speech & Debate 1. Beanblossom, Timothy Key Cl.1-2. Beilfuss, Dawn Bl. Dr. 4; Choir 1-4; Nat. Helper 4; Tutor 3-4. Beko, Michele Peer Tutor 1. Benware, Timothy NAHS4; Bask ball 1; Track 1; Scr. 1-4. Beil, Doug SnowFl. 2-3; Snowball 2-4; Sphs 2-4; NHS3-4; Mentor; Nat. Helper 3-4; St. Adv. Board 1-4; Swim1-4; Track1. Bishop, Rachel Ja. Cl.2-4; Sp. Cl.1-2; Home. Crt.4; Prom3; Nat. Helper4; Cheer1; Dive2; Track1; Link4; Shield4. Bohanan, Nathaniel Band1-4; Tutor4. Bouillette, Carrie Fren. Cl.1-4; Pres.4; NHS3-4; Fren. HS 2-4; Nat. Helper4; Tutor4; SnowFl. 1; Art Gold Key 1; Hon. Mention1 Brownwell, Monica Aud. 3-4; Bl. Dr. 4; Choir1-4; Nat. Helper 4;

HTC 3-4. Burd, Erica Bl. Dr. 3-4; Choir 1-4; Track 1. Butler, Michael Aca. Dca4; Aud 4; Band 1-4; Build Trade 3; Fren. Cl. 4; Sp. Club 4; TREND 4. Campos, Brian. Chicki, Jeff Link 2-4; SC 4; Baseball2-3; Shield 2-4. Click, Shawn Bl. Dr.4; NAHS 3-4. Cliver, Brian 100% club1, Home. King4; Baseball 1-3; Scr. 3-4; Track4. Colby, Helen Bl. Dr.3-4; Nat. Helper 4; Bask-ball1. Cook, Quisota Cooper, Mark Bl. Dr.3; Nat. Helper3; Bball1; Baseball2-4. Cox, Selena Fren. Cl.4; Jap. Cl.4; Lett. 3-4; NHS3-4; Fren. HS2-4; Sp. HS4; Nat. Help. 3; Link3; Cheer.1-4; Peer4; Shield3. Crane, Brian Aud. 1-4; Band 1-

4; Choir4; NHS3-4. Crawford, John Turnabout Crt.4; W1; Scr. 2-4. Czazier, Jason. Cuevas, Ron Build. Trades1. Czaja, Greg Prom3; Home Crt.4; Sp. HS2-4; Football11-4. Czyszczon, Irene Aud.1-4; Key Cl.3-4; Ger. Cl.1-4; CHS3-4; NHS3-4; Tennis1; Nat. Help. 4. Damasius, Nate Tourn. Ct. 4; Mentor; Nat. Helper3; FB1-4; Swim1-4; Track1-4. Darnell, Sarah Bl. Dr.4; St. Ad. Board 1-4. Dela Cruz, Julie Bl. Dr.4; BPA1; Sec. 2. Dela Paz, Nicole. Del Rio, Joe FB2-4. DeMaris, Sarah Bl. Dr.4; Snfl.1-4; Key Cl.4; NHS; Nat. Helper3; Swim2-

4; Tennis1-4. Dobrowski, Lynette Aud.1; Bl. Dr.4; Fren. Cl.2-3; Peer4; Shield3-4. Downs, Jennifer Key Cl.1; Sp. HS2-4; NHS3-4. Drake, Karen Bl. Dr.4; Key Cl.4; V1. Drlich, Danielle Key Cl.4; Sp. Cl.1; Turn. Crt.4; NHS3-4; Turn. Crt.4; NHS3-4; Dvorscak, Michelle Sp. HS2-4. N H S 3-4; BV1 Dyke, Michelle Aca. Dec 1-2; Bl. Dr.4; Ja. Cl.3; Key Cl.2-4; Ger. Cl.1-2; Dance1-4; NHS3-4; NAHS2-4. Dyson, Monica Bl. Dr.4; Key Cl.1; Home Crt.4; Nat. Helper4; Link2-4; SC4; Track1; Dive2;



Dan Nicksic, Dru Grigson and Greg Czaja celebrate Homecoming. Top right, Jeff Chicki makes an important call.



Cheer. 3; Shield 2-4; Ed 4; Escobedo, Juan Wr 3-4; Scr 3-4; Evilsizor, Katy Bl. Dr. 4; BB1-2; Softball 3-4; Fandrei, Tim Aud. 2-4; Band 1-4; Bl. Dr. 4; Ger. Cl. 1-2; St. Ad. Board 4; SC3-4; SG4; HTC4; Fedrick, Karen Key Cl. 1-4; Mentor, Orch. 1-4; SG1; Flores, Denise Elaine, Franz, Jennifer Bl. Dr. 4; Key Cl. 1; Sp. Cl. 1-3; Sp. HS2-3; Mentor; Nat. Helper3; V1; Tennis 1-4; ESL Tutor 4; Fuller, Nicole Aca. Deca. Bl. Dr. 4; Ger. Cl. 1-4; Key Cl. 3; NHS3-4; Ger. HS2-4; V1-2; Furman, Kimberly Bl. Dr. 4; Fren. Cl. 1-4; Fren. HS2-4; NHS3-4; NAHS3-4; SC4; Diving 2-4; Gallagher, George FB3-4; Garretson, Kathleen Fren. Cl. 2-4; Fren. HS2-4; NHS3-4; Mentor; SC2-4; Cheer1; Color G 3; HTC1; Snowball 1-2, 4; Snowflurry 2; Gembolis, Molly Bl. Dr. 4; NHS1; Sp. HS1; Mentor; Nat. Helper4; SC1; T1-4; V11; Gile, Kevin W 1-4; Gnerlich, Jennifer Sp. Cl. 1; NHS3-4; Sp. HS2-4; T1;

Track2; Cheer1-4; HTC4; Snow Fl. 1-4; TREND4; Snowball 1-4; Gordon, Rusty Fb1-2; BB1-3; Baseball 1-4; Gouwens, Shannon Ger. Cl. 4; Snowflake 4; FCA1; Ger. HS2; SC2; Swim 1-4; Peer 4. Granter, Elizabeth Choir 3-4; Ger. Cl. 1-4; Ger. HS2-4; HTC 3-4; Graziani, Gina Nat. Helper 2. Grigson, Dru Tourn. Crt. 4; Fb1-4; Baseball 1; Track 2-4; Wrestling 2. Grove, David G. Aud. 1-2; Band 1-4; HTC1; Snowflake 1-4; Gunn, Jason Ja. Cl. 4; Nat. Helper3; X-C2-4; Track 1-4; FB1; Dive3. Gutierrez, Ceasar Bl. Dr. 3-4; S&D1; BPA1; Scr. 1. Guzman, Rachel Bl. Dr. 4; Ja. Cl. 1-4; Key Cl. 3-4; Lett C1. 2-4; Turn Crt. 4; Mentor; Nat. Helper3; SC3-4; BB1; V1-4. Ham, Tiffany. Han, Joo-Hee Fren. Cl. 1-4; Key Cl. 1-2; TREND4; FHS2-4; NAHS2-4; NHS3-4; V1; SC3-4. Hanak, Josh Dive 2-3; Harris, April Aud 1-2;

Bl. Dr. 4; HCC4. Harwood, Jennifer C. Sp. Cl. 3; SP HS2-4; NHS3-4. Havens, Matt Bl. Dr. 4; Fb1-4; W1-3; Baseball 2-3. Hayes, Tim Band 1-4. Hendrickson, Dalene Key Cl. 1. Hess, Kelly Lynn Ger. Cl. 1-4; Snowflake 1-4; Ja. Cl. 4; Key Cl. 2; TREND4; NHS3-4; Ger. HS2-4; Nat. Helper3; SAB1-4. Hmielewski, David Art 1-4. Hoolehan, Laura Turn. Crt. 4; Nat. Helper4; SB1-4; BB1-3; V1; SCR3; Peer3. Houchin, Benjamin Jon FB1-4. Howard, Brian Bl. Dr. 4; Nat. Helper3-4; SCR1-3. Hughes, Daniel P. Nat. Helper3; Golf 1-4. Hugus, Heather NHS3-4; Sp. HS2-4; BB1; V1-2; SB1-4. Huisting, Tina Sp. Cl. 1-4; Sp. Cl. 1-4; Sp. HS2-4; NHS4; SC4; BB1-4. Hullinger, Tom. Huneryager, Chris Band 1-4; T1. Hutchings, Ben. Isa, Rasem FB1-4. Johns, Tom Golf 1-4. Johnson, Erik FB1-4; BB1-2; Baseball 1-4. Johnson, Nate FB1-3. Jones, Terry Bl. Dr. 3-4; HTC1-2. Kaniuk, Michael David Bl. Dr. 4; Turn. Crt King 4;

SP HS2-4; Scr 1-4; W3. Kasper, Katherine Bl. Dr. 4; Key Cl. 1-4; SC3-4; Nat. Helper3; T1. Kaweck, Michelle NHS3-4; NAHS3-4; Sp HS2; BB1; V1-3; SB2-4. Kenders, Kelly Track 1-2. Kinder, Becki Cheer 1-4. Klapak, Jennifer Bl. Dr. 4; Choir 1-2; V1-2; SB1-2. Klapkowski, Mark FB4. Koby, Michael NAHS1-4. Shield 4. Koleno, Angela Key Cl. 1, 3-4; SP. Cl. 1; FHA1, 3; FCA3-4; Link 4; SC4; T1; YB3-4. Kollintzas, George Hon. Dip. Kopischke, Chris Sp. HS2-4; Hon. Dip. Kotynski, Amy FCA4; Prom Queen 3; Sp. HS3-4; NHS3-4; HD Mentor; Nat. Helper 2-4; V1; Scr3; Peer 4. Krucina, Ron Aca. Deca. 1; Hon. Dip; SC1; Baseball 1-2; FB1. Kubon, Jermie FB1; BB1; Baseball 1-4. Kuch, Linda Ger. Cl. 1-4; Key Cl. 1-2; NHS3-4; GHS2-4; NAHS2-4; V1; Track 1-4; Scr 3-4. Kutscher, Jim Fren. Cl. 1; Nat. Helper3; Snow Fl. 1. Lane, Jeff Hon. Dip.; FB1-4; BB1; Baseball 1-2; Track 3-4. Latawiec, Angel Band 1-4; Fren. Cl. 2; HTC1. Lee, Letitia Bl. Dr. 4; Sp. Cl. 1-3; SO3; Key Cl. 2-3; NHS3-4; NAHS2-4; Sp. HS2-4; Hon. Dip.; Mentor; SAB4; SC4; X-C2-3; Track 1-3. Lively, Michael Aud 2-4; Band 1; BPA4; Hon. Dip.; Scr 1-2; HTC2-4. Lona, Adrienne Bl. Dr. 3-4; Sp. Cl. 1-3; LC3-4; NHS3-4; Sp. HS2-4; Mentor; Nat. Helper 2; Orch. 1-2; SC2-

3;T1-4;Scr3-4;Swim2 Long, Grant G. Swim1. Lorenzini, Carl AFS3; NHS4; Scr1-2. Love, Amanda Aud3-4 F r e n C I . ; Nat. Helper1,4;HTC3-4. McDonald, Brian FB1-4; Baseball1-2;BB1McDonald, Terrance, PromCrt.3; Turn.Crt.4;Sp.HS2-4;NHS3-4; Hon.Dip.;Nat.Helper2-4; FB1; BB1-4; Baseball 1-4. Madison, Darcie BPA2-4; KeyCl.4. Maglish, Mike Bl.Dr.4; Scr1-3; W1-2. Mai, Pat M. W1-4. Malaves, Josh Nat. Helper2. Manning, Matt BT1; Choir1, Martin, Kelly Fren.Cl. KeyCl. 4; TurnCrt.4;FrenHS3-4; Mentor; SC2-4; Cheer1-4. Marty, Meggan Bl.Dr.3-4; Sp.Cl.3; Nat. Helper3; SC2-3; T1-2; YB2. Mathews, Josh FB1-4; W1-4; Baseball1-4. Mazur, Heather Band1-4; Bl.Dr.3-4; NHS4; Hon.Dip. Mesman, Laura CG1-4; Bl.Dr.3-4; Sp.Cl.2-3; Nat.Helper4; Peer4; SnowFl.2. Metzger, Michael Joseph Scr.2-3. Miller, Bob Aud1. Miller, Marcia LC3-4; Sp.HS2-4; NHS3-4; Hon.Dip.; Mentor. Nat. Helper3-4; V1-4; BB1-3; SB1-2; Peer4. Mordus, Tony FB1-3. Moss, Jeremy B B 1 - 4 ; C o l f 2 - 4. Mulligan, Jason Hon.Dip.; Nat.Helper3;Link 3-4; BB1-4; Baseball1-2. Musser, Josh Swim1; Dive2. Natelborg, Steven James BT3. Nicksic, D a n H o m e . C r t . 4 ; Turn.Crt.4;Sp.Cl.4;Mentor; BB1-4; FB1-4; Track1-4. Norris, Bridgette Home . C r t . 4 ; Prom3; Nat.Helper4; SAB1-4; SC1-2; V1-4; BB1-4; SB1-2-4. O'Connor, Jessica Choir4; Sp.Cl.3; KeyCl.1; Poms2-4; NHS3-4; Sp. HS2-4; Hon.Dip.;Nat.Helper2-4; Peer4. Olszewski, Marion NAHS2-4; Track1-4. Payne, Jason FB1; W1. Pepelea, Matt W1. Pischner, Alan Aud.1-4; Band1-4; Bl.Dr.4; HTC1-4. Pischner, Erik A u d 1 - 4 ; B a n d 1 - 4 . Piuanti, James DIC1; Link 1. Plawewski, Martin Aud2-4; Bl.Dr.4; KeyCl.1-4; Sp.Cl.1-4; NHS3-4; SNHS2-4; Hon.Dip.; Nat.Helper3-4; SC3-4; T1-4; Swim1; Track 3; HTC2-4. Polsinelli, Gina Bl.Dr.4; BB1; Dive2. Potts, K r y s t a I P e e r T u t . 3 . Price, Dave. Pry, Sarah

Rataczak, Jason SAB1-4; Scr.1-4. Rechlich, Joe Baseball1; Scr.2-4. Rhoades, Joe Aud.1-2; Band1; Bl.Dr.4; SS4; Nat.Helper2; Scr.2-3; Track3; HTC1-2. Rich, Jeff. Rieckoff, Valerie Bl.Dr.2-4; T R E N D 4 ; G e r . C I . 1 - 3 ; KeyCl.1-4; SnowFl.1-3; N H S 4 ; N A H S 2 - 4 ; Mentor; Hon. Dip. ; Nat.Helper3; SG3-4; SC1-4. Rippe, Jesse W1-2. Rivas, JoeSp.Cl.2-4. Rivera, Andrea Ja.Cl.4; NAHS3-4; Track1; BB1-2. Rivera, Elisa DT1. Robbins, Jason Band1-4; Dive1. Rohling, Jackie Hon.Dip.; Swim1-4; NHS3-4; N A H S 3 - 4 ; F H S 2 - 4 . Rosenbloom, Adam Bl.Dr.4; KeyCl.2; Nat.Helper3-4; W1-4. Ross, Lisa Aud1. Ruhs, Carrie Bl.Dr.4; Choir1-4; NHS3-4; Mentor; Nat.Helper3; SC2-4; BB1-3; V1-2; SB1; HTC2-4. Salle, Melissa D T 1 - 2 . Samis, Phrosini KeyCl.1; LC2-4; Turn Queen4; NHS3-4; Sp. HS2-4; Hon. Dip. ; Nat.Helper2; SGI; Scr.3-4; BB1-4; SB1; SC1-4. Savage, Tara Band1; Choir1-4; F T A 3 - 3 . S c h e e r i n g a , Cherys G1. Schroeter, Christina Bl.Dr.4; KeyCl.1-4; SnowFl.1-4; FFA2-3; Sp.HS2-4; NAHS2-4; T1-3; Swim2-4; Sp. Cl.1,3-4. Serement, Jon Bl.Dr.4; Ger. Cl.1-4; TREND4; Snowfl.2-4; Ger. HS3-4; NHS3-4; Hon. Dip. ; Nat. Helper3; SAB1-4; SC4; Swim1-4. Shiperek, Nicole KeyCl.3; Sp.Cl.1; LC1-4; Turn.Crt.4; NHS3-4; Hon. Dip. ; Mentor; Nat.Helper3; SC4; V1-4; BB1-4; SB1-4; Peer3. Sinder, Melissa Ja.Cl.4; Swim1-2; Track1; Peer4. Skaggs, Bryan BB1-4; Baseball1-4. Skaggs, James KeyCl.1; Track1-2-4; Swim1-4; FB1. Sleeman, Charlie NAHS4; FB1-4; BB1; Baseball1-4. Smigla, Allison Band1-4; Bl.Dr.4; SnowFl.1-2; NHS3-4; Hon. Dip. S m i t h , Kimberley Band1-4; Fren.Cl.1-4; FHS2-4; NHS3-4; Hon.Dip. Snowdon, Mike Swim1-4. Solivais, Jamie Bl.Dr.4. Solomon, Janie Bl.Dr.4; Fren.Cl.1-3; N H S 3 - 4 ; F H S 2 - 4 ; Hon.Dip.; Mentor3-4; Nat.Helper3-4;Link 3-4ED4;

SC3-4;Peer3;Shield 2. Sons, Susan Band2-4; BPA2-4; DT2-3; NAHS1-4. Sorgich, Sinisa Soto, Lindsey Ja.Cl.3-4; DT1; Scr.3-4; Poms1; CG1. Sowinski, Tony Aca.Deca. 3-4; Bl.Dr.4; DT1-4; NP1-4; SD1-4; SAB3-4; SC1-4; FB1-3; W1-3; HTC3-4. Sprainis, Susan Bl.Dr.2-4; KeyCl.3; Prom3; Turn.Crt.4; NHS3-4; Mentor; Nat.Helper2-4; SG2; SC2-4; V1.1 X-C2-4; Track1-4. Stephen, Carrie Aud.2; Band1-4; DT4; Track1; Peer3. Stinnett, Sarah Aud.1-4; Choir1-4; SHS4; HTC1-4. Stone, Cindi Choir 1-2. Straker, Mandy Mentor. Swallow, Nancy Mentor. Sweeney, Ryan E. Aud.2-4; Hon.Dip.; HTC2-4. Szubryt, Adam Swim1. Tabor, John Bl.Dr.3-4; KeyCl.1-4; Ger.Cl.1-4; GHS2-4; TREND4; NHS4; Hon.Dip.; Mentor; Orch.1-4; SAB3-4; SC2-1; Yi, Track1-4. Tam, Hoi Yi (Christina) Bl. Dr. 2-4; Fren.Cl.2-4; KeyCl.2-4; FHS2-4; NHS4; Hon.Dip.; Orch.1-3; SG1-4; SC1-4; HTC1. Taniz, Erik. Tarka, Jeff Bl.Dr.4; Scr.1-2. Tauber, Justin NHS3-4; SHS3-4; BB1-4; Scr.1-4. Thys, Christy KeyCl.1; Sp.Cl.3; DT2-4; Nat.Helper2-4; SG4; SC2-4; Peer4; Link 4; CG2-4. Timmer, Melissa FFA1-3; BPA3. Tucker, Chris. Tucker, Jaime Sp.Cl.3; NHS4; Hon.Dip. Tuskan, Kevin. Underwood, A a r o n T r a c k 1 - 4 ; BB1. Underwood, Michael Band1-4; Fren.Cl.1-4; NHS3-4; FHS2-4; Hon.Dip.; SC4; Swim1; HTC1-4. Van Til, Christin Bl.Dr.4; Peer3. Vargas, Brian Aud.2-4; KeyCl.1-4; NHS3-4; SNHS2-4; Hon.Dip.; Mentor; Orch.1-3; HTC2-4. Vasaitis, Mike. Ver Wey, Shery Aud1-4; Choir 2-4; N H S 3 - 4 ; SD4; HTC1-4. Visovatti, Pricilla Bl.Dr.4; V1; Peer4. White, Eric Scr.1-4. Choir 1-4; BB1; Baseball2; FB4. Whitener, Paul Jr. Bl.Dr.4; Ger. Cl.1-4; NHS3-4; NAHS2-4; GHS2-4; Mentor; Link3; T1-4; Track1-4; Shield3. Wiist; Stacey Band1-4; SHS1-4; NHS3-4; H o n . D i p . W i l k i n s o n , Melanie. Willman, Aaron Swim1-4. Wilson, Carrie CG1-4; Choir1-4;

KeyCl.2-4; DT1-4; MHS3-4; GHS3-4; SC1; HTC1-4; Natl. Merit SemiFinalist. Wilson, David Band1-4; Bl.Dr.4; Nat.Helper 4; Link 3-4; FB1; Swim1-3. Wilson, Jaime FB1. Wojnicz, Phil Sp.Cl.2-4; PromKing3; MHS3-4; SHS2-4; H o n . D i p . ; Nat.Helper3; SG3; SC2-3; FB1; BB1-4; Scr.3-4; Baseball1-4. Woltzon; Brent Wurst; Bryan Band1-4; Bl.Dr.4; KeyCl.4; TREND4; Sp.Cl.1-3; Lett.Cl.1-4; Hon.Dip.; Orch.1-4; Track1-4; X-C2-4; BB1; Dive3; HTC1. Wynkoop, Emily Band1-4; Bl.Dr.3; Sp.Cl.1-4; Key.Cl.2; DT3; SC3; HTC1-2; Peer4; Orch.2-3. Yuraitis, Cathy Choir1-4. Zandian, Jaime Bl.Dr.4; Swim4; Nat.Helper. Ziemniak, Steve Baseball1-4; FB1-4; BB1. Zimmer, Corey. Zurek, Ron BT3; Shield 4;

SENIORS ... — Waving Good-Bye —

Graduation day is supposed to be a glorious event, but there is a painful side to leaving this institution. Saying good-bye to friends is always difficult. Friends console us when we are in pain and share in the laughter when we are happy. But where will our friends be after graduation?

As our friends leave for different colleges and take on full time jobs, who will be there to catch our tears and share our laughter? As we grow into different people we will reflect upon the memories of our high school friends and smile, but only remain in contact with a selective few.

On the brighter side of things, we will surely run into some of our old fellow students at the most unexpected times.

Maybe we will see the quiet girl who sat next to us in English class in the supermarket or maybe we'll catch a glimpse of a childhood friend when entering our first day of college.

As we enter into adulthood we must cherish the precious memories of our fellow high school students. We must remember all the good times, as well as the bad times we shared.

We will all grow into different people and obtain different friends, but we will always keep our high school friends close to heart...

• Michael Kobay

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Shannon Gouwens, Vice-President;
Christyne Thys, Treasurer; Valerie
Rieckhoff, Secretary with Mr. Huber.



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SENIORS ... Hang In, Not Out

Senior year brings forth many new experiences.

It is a time of hectic preparations for life and the near future after high school. Many graduates can't decide what to do, and others don't want to have to decide. They would prefer not to think about any particular plans for the future.

Either way, senior year is filled with plenty of change and maturity. Many respond well to all the changes and developments.

One big difference from past high school years is the faces in the hallway. It is quite common to walk down the hall and not recognize a single person. Familiar faces from last year have all but disappeared, and have been replaced by the unknown freshman and newcomers.

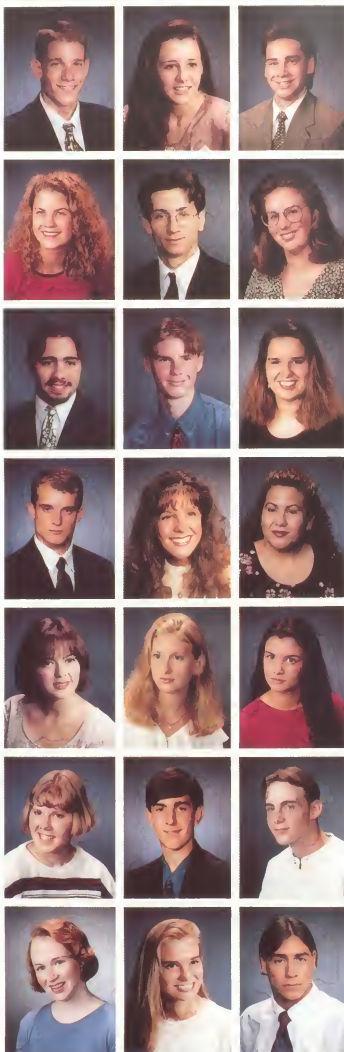
Although there are

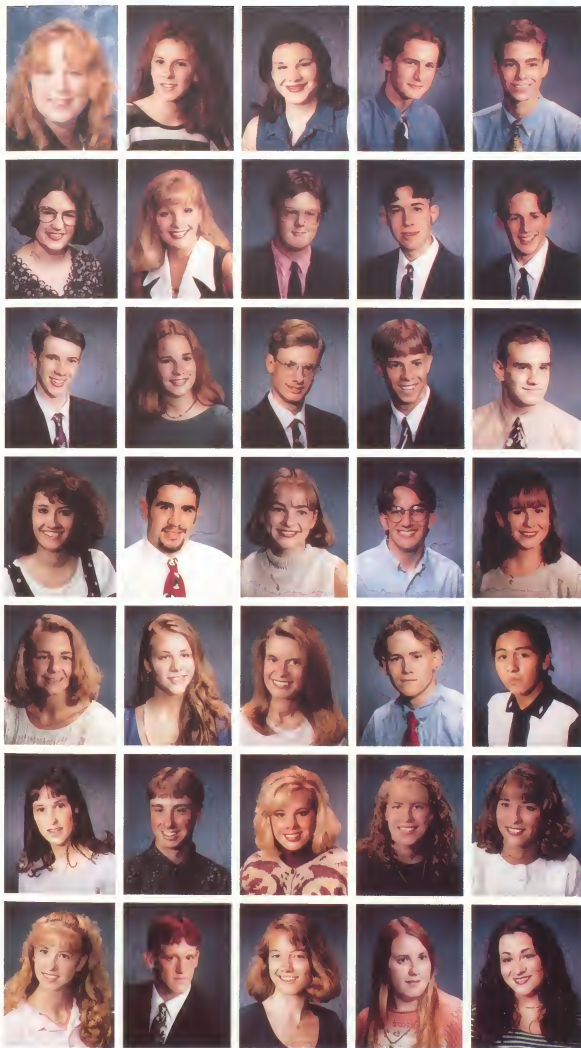
some advantages to being a Senior. Senior year does live up to most of its high expectations. Seniors are treated with more respect, and also given more responsibility than in the past.

The important thing to remember when things are looking down, is to keep your grades up. This proves determination, especially with the overwhelming desire to go out and explore the world facing you each day as you get up and force yourself to go to school. Perseverance and determination are the keys to the future.

• Rachael Bishop

Senior Student Council officers V. Rieckhoff, P. Samis, and J. Solomon ride in the Homecoming Parade.





Dave Bakker
Jennifer Batka
Tim Beanblossom
Dawn Beilfuss
Michele Beko
Davona Bently
Timothy Benware
Douglas Biel

Rachael Bishop
Nathaniel Bohanan
Carrie Brouillette
Monica Brownell
Erica Burd
Michael Butler
Brian Campos
Jeffery Chicki

Shawn Click
Bryan Cliver
Helen Colby
Marc Cooper
Selena Cox
Brian Crane
John Crawford
Gregory Czaja

Nathan Damasius
Sarah Darnell
Julie De La Cruz
Nicole De La Paz
Joseph DelRio
Sarah Demaris
Matthew Denny
Lynette Dobrowski

Jennifer Downs
Karen Drake
Danielle Drlich
Michelle Dvorscak
Michelle Dyke
Monica Dyson
Matthew Eddy
Juan Escobedo

Katy Evilsizor
Timothy Fandrei
Shawn Fanning
Karen Fedrick
Michael Ferris
Susan Finke
Nicole Fuller
Kimberly Furman

Kathleen Garretson
Molly Gembolis
Kevin Gile
Jennifer Gnerlich
Rusty Gordon
Shannon Gouwens
Elizabeth Grantner
Gina Graziani

Dru Grigson
David Grove
Jason Gunn
Ceasar Gutierrez
Rachel Guzman
Beth Halcarz
Jason Haluska
Tiffany Ham



Joo-Hee Han
April Harris
Jennifer Harwood
Matthew Havens
Timothy Hayes
Dalene Hendrickson
Charles Hershman
Kelly Hess



David Hmielewski
Laura Hoolehan
Benjamin Houchin
Brian Howard
Sasha Huesca
Daniel Hughes
Heather Hugus
Tina Huitsing



Thomas Hullinger
Chris Huneryager
Rasem Isa
Andrew Jazyk
Thomas Johns
Erik Johnson
Nathan Johnson
Michael Kaniuk



Katherine Kasper
Michelle Kaweck
Kelly Kenders
Becki Kinder
Jennifer Klapak
Mark Klapkowski
Angela Koleno
George Kollintzas



Chris Kopischke
Amy Kotynski
Ronald Krucina
Linda Kuch
James Laczkowski
Anna Landsman
Jeff Lane
Angela Latawiec



Letitia Lee
Michael Lively
Adrianne Lona
Grant Long
Carl Lorenzini
Amanda Love
Brian MacDonald
Darcie Madison





SENIORS . . . The Roads Will Vary

It's finally arrived! Senior year-to some, a symbol of the end of an era known as childhood. To others, the start of a very important part of our lives.

Well, we did it! We survived high school; including finals, reports, speeches, and term papers along the way. No matter what anyone thought about it, or tried to hold us back, the seniors of 1995 showed them.

But on the serious side of things, everyone must feel a little, tiny bit scared about the future. That is, after this one, final, spectacular summer filled with all the freedom we've been aching for since the first time we were told that we couldn't cross that busy street.

College for some, work for others, but all in all, the

beginning of what we have been preparing for throughout many years of schooling. It is time for some heavy decision making. Should we further our education and consider going to college? To some, this is an obvious choice. To others, the decisions facing them will take much time of consideration.

Graduation day is one of the most important days of our lives. It's the day we step up to bat for ourselves. We grab a hold of the bat and take our best swing. It is the beginning and the end of it all.

• Monica Dyson

Seniors Monica Dyson and Rachael Bishop take a break during the Homecoming Dance



SENIORS . . . Change For The Better

For most seniors, this last year of high school means many different feelings, especially a sense of anticipation for all of the changes and new things to come. These changes are exciting, but they can also make a person feel a little scared.

First, options have to be figured out to find out what fits the suits a particular person after graduation. For many students, this means college, but for some it means the armed forces, time off to relax, or starting to work.

For those going away to college, the changes involved include saying good-bye to friends, family, and everything familiar, and saying hello to a whole environment.

While almost every senior gets excited by the idea of

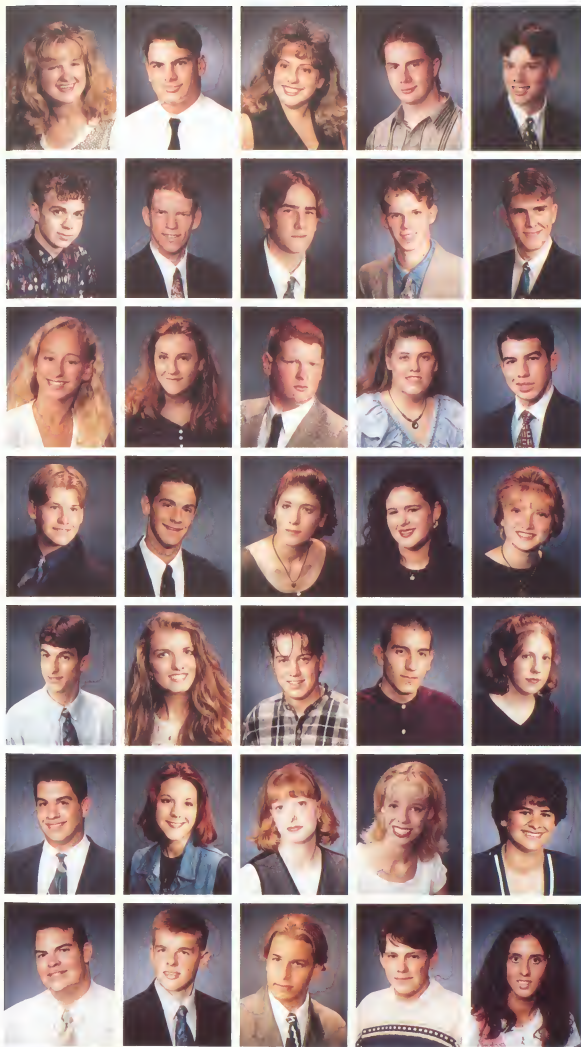
graduation, they also have to realize that each special event is probably the last one they'll have like it with all the same people. Time goes by so fast, and before you know it, your time with these people whom you've spent your whole life with is up. Suddenly, the years spent with these people feels like a day.

Senior year is a special time, a time of joy and excitement, but also of nostalgia and anxiety. It means the end of some special things, but best of all, it means the start of some of the best times to come.

• Jana Solomon

Highland's male seniors get all pumped up during the Homecoming pep rally before the big game.





Michael Maglish
Josh Malaves
Kelly Martin
Meggen Mastje
Joshua Mathews
Heather Mazur
Brian McCullom
Terrence McDonald

Laura Mesman
Michael Metzger
Marcia Miller
Robert Miller
Thomas Miller
Anthony Mordus
Jeremy Moss
Jason Mulligan

Steven Natelborg
Daniel Nicksc
Bridgette Norris
Jessica O'Connor
Marion Olezewski
Jason Payne
Telisha Pearson
Matthew Pepelea

Alan Pischner
Erik Pischner
Paul Pitts
James Piunti
Martin Plawewski
Gina Polsinelli
Heather Pontow
Krystalynn Potts

David Price
Jason Rataczak
Joseph Rechlicz
Joseph Rhoades
Valerie Rieckhoff
Jesse Rippe
Joseph Rivas
Andrea Rivera

Elisa Rivera
Jason Robbins
Jacqueline Rohling
Adam Rosenbloom
Lisa Ross
Caroline Ruhs
Melissa Salle
Phrosini Samis

Tara Savage
Cheryl Scheeringa
Christina Schroete
Richard Segally
Jonathan Seremet
Aaron Shaps
Nicholas Shea
Nicole Shiperek

Melissa Sinder
Bryan Skaggs
James Skaggs
Charles Sleeman
Allison Smigla
Jeffrey Smigla
Kimberly Smith
Michael Snowdon



Jamie Solivas
Jana Solomon
Susan Sons
Lindsey Soto
Anthony Sowinski
Susan Sprainis
Carrie Stephen
Sarah Stinnett



Cindi Stone
Michael Stout
Amanda Straker
Nancy Swallow
Ryan Sweeney
Adam Szubryt
John Tabor
Christine Tam



Justin Tauber
Christyne Thys
Melissa Timmer
Christopher Tucker
Jamie Tucker
Kevin Tuskan
Aaron Underwood
Michael Underwood



Christin Van Til
Brian Vargas
Sherry Verwey
Eric White
Lawrence White
Paul Whitener
Stacey Wiist
Melanie Wilkinson



Aaron Willman
Carrie Wilson
David Wilson
Philip Wojnicz
Brent Woltzen
Bryan Wurst
Emily Wynkoop
William Wyrick



Nicole Yadron
Cathleen Yuraitis
Michael Yurkus
Jamie Zandian
Steven Ziemniak
Ron Zurek
Benjamin Hutchings





SENIORS . . . Survival Techniques

Most kids that enter high school dream of entering into their senior year. High school is supposed to be one of the greatest times of our lives. New experiences will have crossed our paths each day. And people begin to realize that there were so many things that you wanted to be a part of, but there was so little time.

Senior year is the time to sit back and watch freshmen go through what you remember going through just three short years before. Through four years of high school many friends have been acquired. Friends are there to laugh with, lend a shoulder to cry on, or be there when they are needed the most.

Sadly, senior year brings the end to some of these friendships. Each person will go his or her own way. Most will probably

go off to college, others might choose to enter the Service, or some graduates get a job right away. The memories from senior year will always be there to look back at for a good laugh or cry in later years.

Seniors have matured a little each year throughout high school. Soon it will be time to go out on our own and experience reality for ourselves.

The memories will always linger in the back of our minds, reminding us of the past, and helping in the years to come. Senior year will be the stepping stone for success in the future.

• Phrosini Samis

Paul Whitener proudly holds up the award that Art Honor Society received for their winning float.



Members of the Senior Class made an impact at every event which called for class participation. Joining the football truck during the Homecoming parade is an senior tradition.



THE CLASS OF '96

Seniors lead school where involvement, caring count



Part of being a senior in any high school involves just that — involvement! As the Class of '96 stepped into its role as the leading class in the school, there were many individuals who took the leadership roles in various clubs and special activities connected with Highland High.

Leading the class academically were Highland's first National Merit Semi Finalists in two years. Irene Czyszczon, Jana Solomon and Carrie Wilson merited the high honor from the College Board for the excellent scores they posted on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. With these scores they moved on for possible Finalist status, and were assured serious attention by many colleges and universities throughout the country.

Jana served as Link editor, and was in the National Honor Society. Irene was in Highland Theatre Company, Key Club, and both German and National Honor Societies. Carrie was also in theatre, was on the dance team, and was captain of the HHS Color Guard, as well as a National Honor Society member.

With leadership like this, the Class of '96 was well on its way to making an impact on the world ahead of it!



Above, Irene Czyszczon, Jana Solomon and Carrie Wilson were HHS' first National Merit Semi Finalists in two years as they led the school academically. Left, senior classes were challenging as the school year progressed.



Above, Carrie Wilson tries to reach Erin Peterson in a scene from Into The Woods and Sherry Ver Wey has a friend in Speech class. Right, the seniors man their Homecoming float.



THE CLASS OF '96

Taking the lead in school activities, leadership roles



Selena Cox carried a lot of leadership in her role of senior cheerleader, while Val Reichoff and Niki Dopka helped lead the school in spirit activities.

Rising to the level of senior status, one quickly learns others are looking to you for leadership and the setting of how things should be.

Whether it's in activities such as cheerleading or running organizations, the seniors quickly realize they are the ones who are setting the tone in so much of turns out to be Highland High School.

From the winning of competitions in Homecoming and the number of B.U.G. winners to starring in plays or doing the best in various classes, the seniors are faced with the eyes of the rest of the school looking for guidance and the setting of standards.

The Class of '96 has not let the school down, providing leadership in all activities and parts of HHS life. They have left the school in good hands and with goals to reach.



Junior Year: Exciting Times

When thinking about junior year, all that comes to mind is that we're upperclassmen. No longer can the Class of '97 be called "freshman babies".

With everyone able to drive, rides from parents become a thing of the past. No longer will you live in fear of being seen by the opposite sex while riding a bike; taking on the title of "Lone Ranger".

The only drawback is the responsibility. College creeps into every conversation, and SAT's are not just a scary thought.

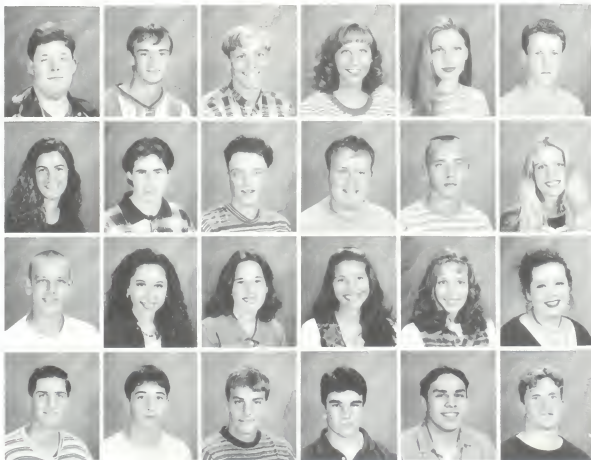
Remember when things get weird, or school gets tough, to hang in. Keep in mind that senior year is just around the corner.

• Jen Tom

Junior Deanna Crum sits with her niece Stephanie on the junior Homecoming Float.



Jeremy Allton
Shawn Andree
Scott Asbell
Julie Beanblossom
Samantha Bigott
Michael Bishop
Sarah Bishop
Adam Blomquist
Gregory Bluethmann
Eric Boesch Jr.
Bryan Bogacz
Robyn Bognar
Ray Borowicz
Evie Bouvat
Christine Brackett
Shannon Bruce
Roberta Bruner
Hilary Burd
Robert Buss
Gabriel Cabrera
Steven Caddick
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Jose Calderon
Ryan Campbell

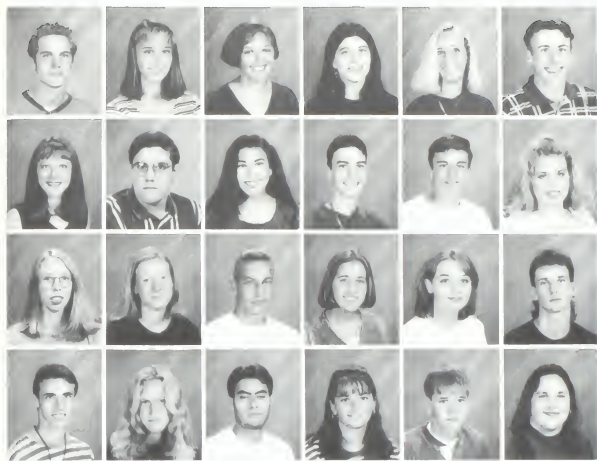




Jeremy Cash
 Kathryn Challman
 Kristin Challman
 Kristin Chapman
 Joseph Chervenak
 Sharon Chiang
 Joshua Childs
 Kimberly Christenson
 Michael Chu
 Brian Claesgens
 Jason Clark
 William Cochran
 Zachary Condes
 Jason Cooper
 Rachel Courtright
 Margaret Craig
 Karen Crane
 William Cribari
 Deanna Crum
 Dana Culic
 Nick Czaplá
 Jeff Dancho
 Lisa Davies
 Michelle DeBoer
 Joan Desler
 Veronica Dopka
 Kelly Dudash
 David Duke
 James Durall
 Tonni Edwards
 Daniel Egan
 Anthony Elder
 Christine Emslander
 Alex Evon
 Gina Fandrei
 Jennifer Faragoi
 Jason Fenolio
 Aaron Ferry
 Emmanuel Figueroa
 Jennifer Flores
 Melissa Fuller
 Teresa Furman
 Chris Geiser
 Brian Gifford
 Shannon Gogolak
 Jennie Govert
 Melissa Gray
 Mandy Greene
 Janet Grelecki
 Ronald Guidotti
 Christina Gutierrez
 Warren Halls
 Jeremy Halton
 David Hamstra

Douglas Hanson
 Philip Harreld
 Tracey Harris
 Adam Hart
 Mark Havens
 Adam Hayes
 Amber Hernandez
 Deanna Herrin
 Tracy Higgins
 Steven Hood
 Edward Hoolehan
 Chris Hoover
 Nicole Housley
 Adam Hutsler
 James Ihnat
 Dale Jarvis
 Brandi Johnsen
 Daniel Jones
 Mark Jones
 Molly Jones
 Erin Kahn
 Melissa Kaniuk
 Chris Karpinec
 Eric Kekeis
 Shannon Kemp
 Bryan Kendzierski
 Gina Kirinch
 Kamille Kish
 Jill Kissee
 Brandon Knoche
 Kevin Kobli
 Steven Kocon
 Matthew Kolodziej
 Steven Kotlowski
 Joshua Kuechenberg
 Melanie Laciak
 Jeremy Langel
 Nadine Lesiowski
 Richard Litavec
 Erin Lottino
 Meghann Lowry
 Donald Maicher
 Jason Marshall
 Jennifer Mattias
 William Mayer
 Leslie McConathy
 Michael McGrath
 Melissa McManus
 Daniel Mendoza
 Chris Messmann
 Chris Mihalich
 David Miller
 Richard Miller





Stephen Miller
Laura Miloshoff
Crystal Mitchell
Michelle Mitchell
Rebecca Moore
Timothy Mucha

Kristie Munsie
Ronald Muvich
Mai Lei Naglish
Brandon Neeley
Nick Negovetich
Amy Nelson

Sara Nichols
Heather Novak
Jacob Novak
Jennifer Novak
Alyssa Oros
Jon Orzecchowicz

Michael Paganelli
Sandra Paulauski
Pedro Pedroza
Jody Pete
Nicholas Peters
Marcia Petersen

Junior Year: Faster Than It Seems

Junior year, the year one suddenly becomes an upperclassmen, the closest thing to being a senior that can be imaginable. This is about the time you start to feel that high school years go by faster than one would like to think.

Junior year is when you really have to strive. Term papers, college, and SAT's all come into play this year. Sometimes it becomes hard to think about regular work with tempting detours in the way.

Junior year will always be remembered because it is this year that important decisions for the future are made. Soon it will be time for the ten year class reunion, that is hard to believe.

• Deanna Herrin

Junior officers: Shannon Gogolak, Julie Beanblossom, Nikki Dopka and Josh Kuechenberg with sponsor, Mrs. Ray.



Michael Petty
 Christy Phebus
 Melissa Pieschala
 Vince Pistilli
 Shawna Pitts
 Justin Poe
 Philip Progar
 Garritt Pruim
 Kelly Quail
 Jodi Ratliff
 David Rivera
 Rebecca Roche
 Katie Ross
 Jeremy Rumas
 Melissa Satanek
 Amanda Scheidt
 Ann Schmal
 Matthew Schmidt
 Jessica Schullek
 Elizabeth Schutte
 Anne Scott
 Jennifer Sedrak
 Erin Seidl
 William Sellis



Junior Year: Taking on a New Role

Upperclassmen. Not having to worry about college just yet and finally be taken seriously. With SAT's ahead, junior year is filled with forces of the future.

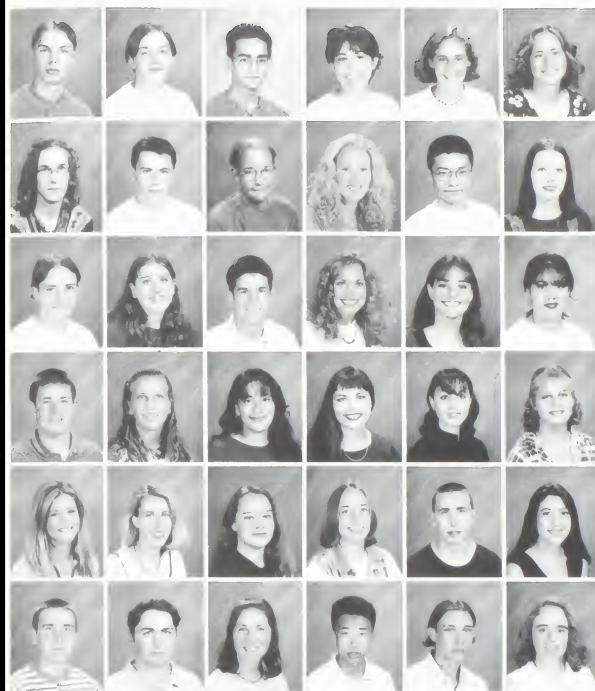
You see who your "real" friends are and get more respect for yourself. With one more step, the reality of the real world gets closer. "I feel in the middle. I'm not a senior, but not a underclassmen, either. I'm a upperclassmen without senior worries," states Shannon Kemp.

Things start to take on a new meaning during the last semesters. The best part is making the most of everything so you can look back on the past and smile.

• Mai Lei Naglich

A quick glance at the Junior float shows time, work, and effort. Their theme was *Cinderella*.





Jessica Zukauskas

Gregory Serbenta
 Jason Sivak
 Matt Smith
 Theresa Smith
 Melissa St. Aubyn
 Jessica Stanley
 Marc Stephens
 Kirk Stickley
 Chris Stok
 Ericka Swanson
 Ronald Tam
 Traci Tanis
 Geoffrey Tanes
 Kara Taylor
 Frank Tokoly
 Jennifer Tom
 Tara Torringa
 Melina Trujillo
 Douglas Turich
 Betsy Van Der Noord
 Starr Vazquez
 Angela Ventling
 Angie Vermejan
 Alison Wajvoda
 Reagan Wallner
 Denise Walters
 Courtney Warner
 Kelly Weyer
 Clyde Williams
 Natalie Williams
 Scott Williams
 Brian Wynn
 Carrie Yatsko
 Jong Yeo
 Noel Zemaitis
 Carri Ziemniak



Junior Adam Hayes stands proudly as he plays the trumpet for band at Highland High.



Junior Evie Bouvat and Mandy Scheidt return a library book, while Deanna Crum and Nikki Dopka get ready for Homecoming.

Juniors show their spirit at superstars while Christine Emmlander learns to use a computer.

Bryan Kendzierski is cleaning his goggles in the pool.



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Top left: Matt Gouwens talks with the nurse about a swimming injury, and Erin Crosby takes the shoe and the stage.

Spotlight On *Class of '98*

One Step Closer To The Top Rung



"Sophomore year is great because you're anything but a Freshman," states Christine Miller, Class of '98. It's true that as a sophomore you're not at the bottom anymore, with more privileges, responsibilities, and more fun!

Tenth grade is a qualification for many clubs, events, etc. For instance, this is required to be a Natural Helper or a member of the foreign language honor societies. Now a year older, and a year wiser, sophomores are also expected to act with a little more class, setting the examples for the frosh.

Sophomores are climbing the ladder, one step closer to the top, and making a mark on Highland High School.

• Gretchen Schu

Left: Tasos Katopodis works on a magnetic levitation transportation vehicle in transportation class. This car ran by magnets.

Abrego, Jason
 Adamowski, Lawrence
 Adams, Nicole
 Albert, John
 Austin, Melissa
 Babcock, Kristen



Michael Ball
 Banhart, Alan
 Banas, Marcie
 Barczak, Michelle
 Barker, Lucas
 Barney, Leanne



Barrell, Rebecca
 Barsic, Michael
 Bartlett, Cathleen
 Bates, Ryan
 Batka, Melissa
 Bazarko, Jeffrey



Beda, Sarah
 Belli, Carolyn
 Berlinga, Valerie
 Bishop, Simon
 Blomquist, Matthew
 Boersma, Melissa



Bogusz, Rebecca
 Bonaventura, Lindsay
 Borkowski, Christel
 Boroughs, Michelle
 Boyd, Kenneth
 Brakley, Kevin



Brechner, Derek
 Bruner, Sarah
 Buckley, Kristi
 Burns, Alan
 Byrd, Nick
 Byrd, Susan



Cardwell, Ronald
 Cederholm, James
 Chobanov, Sarah
 Clark, Sarah
 Cook, Brandon
 Crawford, Robert



Cribari, Andrea
 Crooks, Jessica
 Crosby, Megan
 Crozier, Janet
 Csanyi, Theresa
 Cuevas, Amy



Cummins, Jr. Andrew
 Cunningham, Brian
 De La Paz, Jami
 Dearmond, Charles
 Dec, Jessica
 DeCanter, Kristi





DeMuth, David
Detterline, Patricia
Dimpfl, Joel
Downey, Sara
Dubrick, David
Duke, Kasey

Duncan, Jennifer
Durall, Joseph
Dvorak, Brian
Dvorscak, Rachel
Egan, Kevin
Ellis, Regina

Elzinga, Brooke
Emslander, James
Essary, Kristin
Evans, John
Evilsizor, Timothy
Fentress, Brooke

Figlio, Nicole
Filipiak, Anne
Fistrovich, Thomas
Flores, Marina
Frye, Melissa
Fuentes, Michael

A FRESH NEW START

Freshman year is like having a new beginning. New teachers, new clubs, meeting new friends...

Although it may seem like a long four years ahead, in reality it flies by. Before you know it, you're in your senior year. At first, everything may seem to be overwhelming (not confusing your gym and locker combinations, remembering your schedule...), but each passing day a feeling of easiness and a more roundabout idea of what exactly is going on surrounds you.

Now's the time to start working for your future. High school starts to get you accustomed to what you will eventually adventure when you make your journey to the next step — college. New challenges will greet you, but if you only take it one day at a time, everything gets to be a little bit easier.

• Mai Lei Naglich

Freshman year is the year when many take advantage of the art program.



Fuller, Robert
Gagne, Teresa
Garcia, David
Gatlin, Natasha
Gavura, Jacob
Gifford, Christopher



Gogolak, Laura
Goldasich, Nicole
Gonzalez, Faith
Gorczyca, Melanie
Gorski, Heather
Grau, Michelle



Green, Scott
Greiner, Michael
Grish, Jonathan
Grove, Michael
Guidotti, Juliann
Guilfoyle, Michael



Gulden, Eric
Gunn, Leah
Guzman, Joseph
Hallahan, Brooke
Halls, Rebekah
Hamilton, Terri



Time to Look Forward

Yikes!!! Finally, I'm in high school! Dances, dates, and fun! Freshman year is a lot more than having fun, though. The classes aren't as easy as you thought they'd be. None of your friends are in any of your classes. All of your teachers are impossible. You have to put up with the Senior's patronization.

But, after the first week, the classes seem a lot better than you anticipated, you make hundreds of new friends, your teachers are a lot nicer, and a Senior says "hi" to you in the halls.

It's hard, at first, to get used to the new people, new lockers, and new friends, but it gets better.

So, maybe being a freshman isn't all that bad. There's definitely more to look forward to — Sophomore year!

• Angie Koleno



Freshman Lucas Barker tries to master his vocabulary for an upcoming test.



Hankins, Matthew
Hanson, Cheryl
Harkabus, Michael
Hayne, Ryan
Hejnej, Christopher
Hendron, Blair

Herald, Mathew
Hernandez, Nicole
Hernandez, Sara
Hershman, Holly
Hillman, Robert
Hoojveen, John

Horn, Nicholas
Hormyak, Michael
Horsley, Jessica
Howell, Jason
Huneryager, Laura
Hylek, Edward

Illiff, Justin
Jasinski, Katherine
Jelski, Laura
Johnsen, Jr. William
Jonkman, Cheresa
Jostes, Margaret

Jurjevic, Janelle
Jusko, Michael
Kahn, Alissa
Karin, Nicholas
Kay, Tiffany
Keith, Stephanie

Kelly, Lynette
Kemp, Ryan
Knoche, Amy
Kohler, Kelly
Kolodziej, Alan
Kosmowski, Violet

Kotynski, Donald
Kulczyk, Carrie
Kvarta, Jonathon
Laborde, Eric
Laciak, Mark
Laflech, Kristin

Lambert, Andrea
Lannon, Jennifer
Latawiec, Brian
Leimbach, John
Lewis, Daniel
Lewis, Michael

Lindsey, Evelyn
Linn, Janet
Luce, Amie
Lundy, April
Lyster, Brian
Maggi, Corinna

Maloney, Cean
Manno, Ryan
Markovich, Michael
Martin, Abigail
Matheny, Amber
Maves, Meghan



McCullom, Anne
McGrath, Joseph
McKinney, Mark
Menke, Margaret
Mesman, Douglas
Mielcarek, Zachary



Mihes, Jeremy
Miller, Joanna
Miller, Sara
Mirowski, Jamie
Mroz, Jennifer
Murzyn, Jason



Nelson, Lisa
Nimetz, Derek
Novak, Joshua
Pamucar, Katarina
Payne, Julie
Peach, Nathan



Pepelea, Michael
Peres, Kevin
Peterson, Susanne
Petty, Dean
Phoebus, Katy
Pirosko, Courtney



Pirosko, Gina
Pischner, Gayle
Pitts, Angela
Porter, Cara
Prohl, Kevin
Rahmany, Joseph



Ramirez, Danielle
Ramirez, Darcilia
Randall, James
Reiplinger, Jason
Ring, Katherine
Rohling, Nicholas



Romano, Monika
Rosignol, Renee
Rotas, Christopher
Ruelas, Diana
Ruhs, Nicholas
Ruiz, Anabel



Rumas, Nicholas
Rybicki, Ryan
Schrantz, Joseph
Scleri, Christopher
Seremet, Ellen
Shortes, Philip





Sietsma, Tracy
Skaggs, Karen
Sknerski, Sarah
Slamkowski, Thomas
Slattery, Brian
Slupczynski, Jill

Smith, Julia
Smolar, Stephanie
Sochacki, Robert
Spitzer, Benjamin
St. Aubyn, Anthony
Stacy, Michelle

Stan, Anna
Stan, Ashley
Staniszeski, Jason
Stapke, Jennifer
Stok, Melissa
Stout, Cori

Strader, Jeremy
Street, Amanda
Such, Jason
Szczepanski, Jennifer
Taalman, Amanda
Tharp, Sean

Thelen, Timothy
Thomas, Timothy
Timmer, Matthew
Tom, Jason
Tomczak, Jr. Wayne
Tometzak, Elizabeth

Tratta, Nicholas
Tucker, Scott
Tucker, Nicole
Turich, Amanda
Turich, Julie
Uline, Mark

Valle, Natalie
Van Prooyen, Lori
Vanderpool, Heather
Wagner, Amy
Wagoner, Jennifer
Walter, Michelle

Warnecke, Eric
Wheeler, Polly
White, Audrey
Whitener, Philip
Wilcox, Danielle
Willman, Allen

Wolfe, Julie
Woodward, Jennifer
Xidias, Pantelis
(Peter)
York, Jennifer
Zemen, Angela

Class '99 Of '99

Freshman Mike Griner listens carefully to his teacher in order to obtain the best grade possible in his class.

Freshman Misy Batka gets down to the groove at this years Tourmabout dance. This year many freshman attended the dance.



Sophmore Erica Ribicki hand feeds freshman Ryan Ribicki a cookie at this years Homecoming dance.

Freshman Karen Skaggs and Lori VanProyen share a laugh at their lockers before a long hard day at Highland High school.





Freshman Mike Fuentes prepares to put a move on his opponent during one of Highlands wrestling meets.

A group of freshman girls gather after gym class to catch up on the latest gossip before the bell rings to go to their next class.



Spotlight On *Class of '99*

Frosh Are Century's Last Grads



Freshman year is the beginning of a long adventure. Gone are the days of junior high school pranks and Lincoln Center dances. The good old days are gone, but there is still loads of fun ahead!

The high school experience is full of exciting social and academic opportunities. Suddenly, your world is full of football games, dances, and interesting classes.

Most students consider their freshman year to be their best. Junior, Deanna Crum, says "My freshman year was the most memorable."

Freshman year is obviously one of the best years of our lives. It is the beginning of the fun roller-coaster ride called life.


—Michael Koby

Jennie Wagner and Juli Smith help pass out pop for the Spaghetti Dinner. Many freshmen gave a helping hand for the cause.



S•P•O•R•T•S

S•P•O•R•T•S n.:
*It's how Highland
plays the game!*



*"Sports
greatly
inspired my
abilities.
Unfortunately
due to knee
injuries, I
was unable
to
participate."
Senior Helen
Colby*

There is life after 2:55, or at least this is what the students of Highland High School believe, that is. Highland has always had an excellent reputation for having very strong athletic teams, and we take pride in this fact. Whether it's basketball, track, swimming or soccer, we have set high goals and achieved most of these with ease.

•Monica Dyson

Quotable Quote

This year's Trojans showed they're definitely going in the right direction.

Football

Houchin, Nicksic lead Trojans

Trojans beat Gavit squad in away season opener

TEAM PIX



Fresh Football Row 1: Evans, D. Meeman, C. Gifford, M. Fuentes, J. Sturges, B. Hillman, M. Greiner, B. Johnson, J. Staniszewski. *Row 2:* K. Phroi, B. Spitzer, T. Evillizor, J. Kvarita, C. Heimej, P. Shortes, J. Tom, D. Lewis, K. Egan, Row 3: C. Phillips, D. Brencher, B. Cook, D. De Muth, A. K. Kolodziej, D. Niemetz, N. Karin, M. Timmer, C. Foyter. *Varsity Football Row 1:* M. Bishop, K. Kahl, D. Hampstra, D. Rivera, R. Arnold, B. Robbins, N. Negovetich, M. Kloccek, B. Roe, F. Struges, J. Apps, E. Johnson, M. Cook, D. Ruteli, J. Del Rio, Row 2: D. Turich, B. Claengens, S. Ziemniak, G. Czaja, J. Lane, A. Eylon, A. Hustler, N. Damasius, N. Sherwin, M. Klaponowski, T. Elder, R. Borowicz, T. Delacruz, J. Matthews, J. Alceca. *Row 3:* M. Havens, A. La Sota, D. Grigson, C. Sleeman, B. Lyon, R. Campbell, J. Stephen, J. Hollingsworth, M. Leyva, K. Kisee, B. Houchin, B. MacDonald, J. Baccino, S. Williams, D. Egan, Row 4: C. Hanson, C. Augustin, L. Augustin, C. Kolbert, C. Friend, L. White, K. James, S. Caddick, C. Karpinic, J. Cash, R. Segally, D. Nickic, T. Miller, D. Duke, C. Calderon, F. Hoolahan, R. Isa, Tr. D. Keen, C. Funtin, C. Dodson, C. Foyter.

The 1995 Trojan Football season started on a very hot and dry August morning, full of hope and excitement, and ended on a cold, rainy, painful October night. In between, many fun and exciting events took place, which we will always remember.

The most memorable game of the year had to be our winning season opener against Gavit. It was great to start off the season with a win under our belts. Don't forget the great stand the Trojans made in defeating the Morton Governors. Highland was up by one, and Morton was going for the two point conversion; they missed, ensuring the victory!

Along with the highs, we also had lows. The biggest emotional low of the season has to be the Homecoming game against Lake Central. The fans were cheering, and the guys were pumped, but L.C. was too much for Highland to handle. Although we lost, our fans kept up the spirit; and the guys played their hearts out!

The Trojans came out with a record of 3-6. Many of the players went on to make

conference teams. First Team All Conference went to: Matt Havens, Dan Nicksic, Brian MacDonald and Ben Houchin. Honorable Mention went to: Ra Isa, Dru Grigson, Tony Elder, Brian Claengens, Dave Duke, Nate Damasius, Josh Matthews, Eric Johnson, and Steve Ziemniak. The Award for First Team Academic All Conference went to Dan Nicksic. The team's major awards went to Senior Ben Houchin for Most Valuable, Senior Steve Ziemniak for Most Improved, and Senior Matt Havens for the Mental Attitude Award.

Coach Rob Hanson stated, "The 1995 Trojan Football Season gave us many events to remember. It was one we should all remember, and be proud of."

• Deanna Crum

The Trojans celebrate their victorious win against the Morton Governors. Senior Charlie Sleeman calls off a play to his offense.





Senior Charlie Sleeman has the ball, while Senior Ben Houchin blocks the defense. While Junior Ed Hoolehan practices his hand off.

Quotable Quote

! This year the team had more motivation and the will to win. !

Volleyball



Guzman, Laciak,
Sterling lead

Volliers look to senior lead for stability in conference

TEAM PIX



Varsity Volleyball: Row 1: N. Shiperek, K. Kish, Row 2: M. Laciak, J. Grelecki, R. Guzman, M. Miller, E. Swanson, Coach Thompson, Row 3: Coach Elston, E. Seidel, B. Norris, J. Kisee, R. Bognar, K. Thompson, Coach Janusonis.



JV Volleyball: Row 1: V. Padilla, Row 2: T. Penwell, A. Geary, N. Papalombros, S. Shaginaw, L. Capretti, Row 3: J. Saczawa, J. Spranis, M. Marx, L. Jelski, A. Stirling, M. Sleeman, Coach Janusonis.

The Highland girls volleyball team had a very successful season. Their record was 11-15 for the season, and 7-2 in conference, giving them third place.

"This year the team had a lot more motivation, and the will to win. Everyone improved from the off season, their goal was to make themselves better, and they did. It is very easy to coach a team when they want to learn, and that's exactly what they wanted. I am very proud of all the girls", stated Coach Elston. The girls did improve, they surprised many people, and other teams. Senior Nicole Shiperek said, "We had a great season. Since this is my last year, I'm glad that it was a good one, one that I will always remember."

This year's team consisted of four seniors: Bridgette Norris, Marci Miller, Rachel Guzman, and Nicole Shiperek. Juniors: Melanie Laciak, Erin Seidl, Janet Grelecki, Jill Kisee, Robin Bognar, Ericka Swanson, Kamille Kish and Sophomore Jill

Thompson.

This season's stats showed exceptional talent. Leading the team with serves was Senior Rachael Guzman. She was the starting server and the most consistent. Junior Melanie Laciak was the top hitter. She lead the team with spiking attempts, kills, and dinks. Senior Nicole Shiperek, and Junior Erin Seidl were the best passers. The teams' major awards went to Senior Rachel Guzman, who won Most Valuable Player, Junior Melanie Laciak, with Most Improved, and Sophomore April Sterling with the Mental Attitude.

Next year's season is said to be just as good. The team is only losing four players, and gaining a lot of talent. This will be one Highland team that people should look out for.

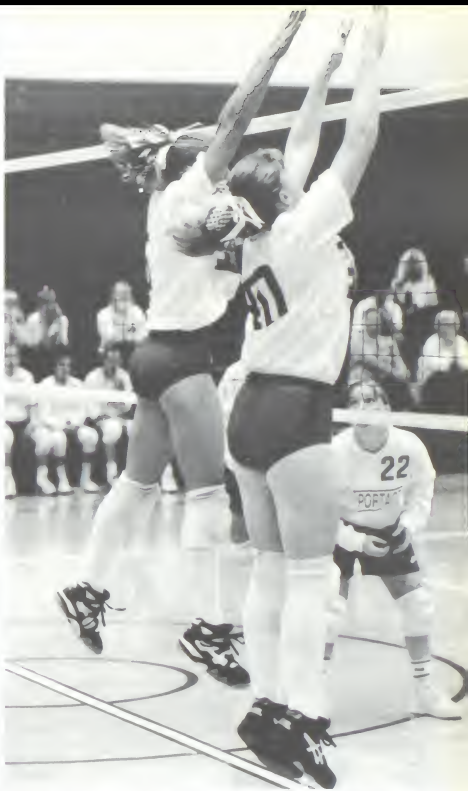
•Deanna Crum

Senior Nicole Shiperek shows her spiking form. Sophomore Lauren Capretti serves to start off the volley. The team discusses the game.





Senior Rachel Guzman sets up the spike. Juniors Jill Kisse and Erin Seidel block a spike. Jill Kisse anticipates her opponent's spike.



Quotable
Quote

There was a
solid team
effort this
year

Tennis



Mike Yurkus Is
Most Valuable

Whitener, Plawecki take doubles in area play

TEAM PIX



Varsity Tennis: Row 1: Matt Ispas, Jason Yeo, Mike Yurkus, John Tabor, Dave Amrhein, Row 2: Kevin McMahon, Larry Plawecki, Tim Stacy, Brian Gifford, Rick Mendoza, Mike McGrath, Mike Mazur, Row 3: Josh Kuechenberg, Paul Whitener, Coach Mazur, Tim Burkman, Martin Plawecki

This season the Highland Boy's Tennis team was a completely different team than what has been seen in recent years. The team, with a shortage of upperclassmen and varsity experience, had a lot of new talent and hard work.

One of the team's most dominant players was Mike Yurkus. He was not only the team's number one singles player, but he was also the Most Valuable Player.

Other dominating players were John Tabor, the number three singles player, and Martin Plawecki and Paul Whitener, the number one doubles team.

Under Coach Jerry Mazur, the team did well. Luckily, off-season work by the extraordinarily large sophomore class saved this and future seasons. Junior Josh Kuechenberg and sophomore Dave Amrhein filled up the 2nd doubles position, while sophomore Kevin McMahon stunned the entire team and took the second singles position.

In addition to these achievements, hard work by Brian Gifford and Matt Ispas

allowed the entire team to practice well.

As far as the season went, the Highland Trojan tennis team represented the school well in area and conference play. Home matches against other schools were well-attended by a small but loyal group of fans, and tennis season proved to be a highlight of the autumn for many friends, parents, and spectators.

With the young players looking to only get better next year, the future of Highland tennis looks promising. As always, those who get into the sport usually stay, and enhance their skills as their time on the Highland tennis team goes on.

The teamwork and friendship of players was well witnessed, and Coach Mazur made sure the sport also showed that tennis players can be gentlemen.

Mike Yurkus uses his excellent forehand to score the point. Winning the major awards this season were Kevin McMahon, Paul Whitener, and Mike Yurkus. Josh Kuechenberg shows off his form.





Paul Whitener and Martin Plawecki made up the number one doubles team this season. Kevin McMahon, left, and Dave Amrhein show off their strength in their backhand.

Quotable Quote

The girls improved their record and had a winning attitude

Girls Soccer



Freshmen lead
team effort

Arch Rival Munster falls to HHS Lady Trojan Power!

TEAM PIX



Varsity: Row 1: M. Kanuik, K. Chapman, J. Wagner. Row 2: J. Han, K. Dudash, L. Anderson, S. Finke, L. Barney, L. Soto, C. Huppenthal. Row 3: A. Howard, L. Kuch, A. Lona, C. Pirosko, S. Bishop, P. Samis, J. Turich, T. Wojno. Row 4: J. Smith, M. St. Aubyn, C. Helmer, S. Bach, D. Culic, M. Baker, M. Jones



JV Soccer: Row 1: A. Martin, S. Vasquez, D. Herrin, C. Stout, J. Jugivik. Row 2: M. Ramano, S. Bishop, J. Han, M. Ramano, J. Stapke, A. White. Row 3: C. M. Jones, K. Dudash, M. St. Aubyn, K. Blahnik, J. K. Helmer.

The Highland girl's soccer team, only in its second year as a sport at Highland, proved to Highland that a new team can become successful. With a record of 1-9-2 last season the girls worked even harder this season, and improved their record to 5-7-3. Much of this success was due to the fact that there were many new additions to the team.

Senior Captain Phrosini Samis said, "We knew after our slow start last season we needed to work on a lot of things to improve this season. Our record this year shows we were determined to improve."

Not only did the team improve with hard work, but many new additions to the team helped them out. First, the new freshmen, Julie Turich, Julie Smith, Courtney Pirosko, Leanne Barney, and Jenny Wagoner, helped the team in many ways. Julie Turich and Jenny Wagoner tied for the most goals and the others had their share of goals and assists.

Another helpful addition to the team was Melissa St. Aubyn, who turned out to be the Most Valuable Player. She moved to

Highland from Tennessee this summer and has been playing soccer most of her life.

"She definitely has skill and she showed everyone she was one of the best players on the team," said junior teammate Molly Jones.

This year the team was also led by seniors Lindsay Soto, Sue Finke, Adri Lona, Linda Kuch, Joo-Hee Han, and Theresa Minarik and juniors; Kristin Chapman, Kelly Dudash, Sarah Bishop, Molly Jones, and Missy Kaniuk. The sophomores also helped a great deal this season.

"I'm really looking forward to next season, and with the determination we had this year we should show an even bigger improvement next season," says team member Melissa St. Aubyn.

• Molly Jones

The soccer team defends their goal. The team cuddles on the bench to keep warm, while sophomore Marissa Baker heads towards the goal.





Sophomore Lisa Anderson kicks the ball to try to obtain a win for the Lady Trojans. Freshman Jennie Stapke breaks for the goal.

Quotable Quote

! This team is absolutely terrific! They just keep getting better! !

Boys Soccer



*Tauber, Wojnicz
lead in scoring*

Team wins Sectional, Conference Championships

TEAM PIX



Varsity Soccer: Row 1: E. White, Row 2: C. Hoover, T. Mucha, E. Fisher, K. Blair, A. Holguin, Row 3: B. Tauber, M. Wojnicz, M. Heffernan, C. Lorenzini, Z. Condes, E. Kekeis, M. Paganelli, N. Peters, Row 4: M. Kaniuk, P. Wojnicz, J. Crawford, J. Tauber, B. Cliver, J. Rechalciz, K. Babcock, J. Rataczak, Coach Kime, Coach Hankins



JV Soccer: Row 1: R. Wilson, T. Fistrovich, E. Hylek, Row 2: A. Holguin, T. Mucha, J. Angyus, M. Pepele, J. Bazarko, Row 3: M. Heffernan, C. Hoover, K. Blair, D. Maicher, E. Fisher, T. Katapodis, Coach Hankins, Coach Kime

Losing four of their starters and one of the best goalies in the area, the guy's soccer team was unsure of the outcome of this season. They ended up having nothing to worry about, finishing the season with a record of 17-2-2.

With the help of senior captains Justin Tauber, Phil Wojnicz, and Eric White the team not only improved their record from last year, but they repeated as sectional champs and made it to the second game of regionals.

Some of this season's dominating seniors were Mike Kaniuk, Justin Tauber, Phil Wojnicz, Eric White, Brian Cliver, John Crawford, Joe Rechalciz, Jason Rataczak, and Kevin Babcock.

Senior Mike Kaniuk recalls the Valparaiso game as one of the toughest wins all season. "Valpo has a good team and we've had trouble with them in past seasons, but this season we were confident going into the game and we came out with the win."

"Other than the Valpo game, I think the Lake Central game was the best game.

They're our biggest rivals every year and the games are usually very close," says senior John Crawford.

Scoring the most goals this season, forward Justin Tauber got the award for Most Valuable Player. The goalie, Eric White, won the award for Most Improved and Mental Attitude went to Zach Condes.

Some prominent players for next season are juniors Zach Condes, Nick Peters, Mike Paganelli, and Eric Kekeis. Also, sophomores Brandon Tauber and Matt Wojnicz are looking primed for next season.

"The guys had a great season this year and with many great players returning next season they should have no problem repeating their excellent performance next season," said Coach Scott Hankins.

• Molly Jones

The team goes into a huddle, while junior Erik Kekeis slide tackles his opponent. Senior John Crawford keeps his eye on the ball.





Sophomore Matt Wojnicz dribbles the ball down the field in a home game, while junior Zach Condes gets slide tackled from behind.

Quotable
Quote

Both teams ran
together this year.
They were like a
family.

Cross Country



Gunn, Gagne
lead the pack

Young teams run away with a good season



This year proved to be very unique for the girls as well as their coach.

"This team was the best team I've ever coached," comments Coach Rick Espitia. "Even if they received thirteenth place out of thirty schools, they always acted like they had just won first."

Being a young team, they weren't expected to make an impact in the conference. Keeping that in mind, they proved they were tough competitors by winning second in Conference and advancing all the way to Regionals.

With Tera Gagne leading the team, they kept their enthusiasm high, despite the many injuries and tough breaks some of the runners had to go through.

The girls say, "We'll never forget all-you-can-eat Friday nights, 'decorating' coach's house, and WWF with Angie. It was the best season we've ever had." What a long, strange run it's been!

Despite being small in stature, the boys cross country team proved they were tough competitors, reaching all the way to Regionals.

"We all were different runners. Most of us were rookies trying to stay in shape for other sports," explains senior runner Dave Bakker.

In their case, difference really is better. With Jason Gunn, who placed sixth in state, leading the way, they grabbed third in Conference. Gunn and Hondo Reyes won first team all Conference awards. While seniors Dave Bakker, Bryan Wurst, and Paul Whitener had outstanding races.

Looking back on last minute runs to Jewel for panty hose, trailblazing with Gunn, and Hondo's cheese fries, Coach Tom Summers and the team definitely made the 1995 season memorable.

•Jen Tom

Boys' team Row 1: A. Reyes, M. Lewis, J. Gunn, T. Summers, Row 2: M. Havens, B. Wurst, Coach Summers, K. Stickler, D. Bakker.





Girls' team Row 1: T. Hamilton, S. Gogolak, T. Gagne, Row 2: S. Pratt, M. Barczak, N. Sandoval, T. Gagne, S. Keith, J. Tom, M. Niekula, Row 3: A. Zenan, B. Vander noord, Coach Espitia, S. Sprainis, M. Simala

Being a freshman on the team was awesome! I loved initiation!
- Dani Ramirez

At first we weren't too sure of each other. Now we're like sisters!
- Steph Keith

It was a very refreshing season. This team, to me, made life worth living. It was so great to see everyone work so hard together and encourage each other so much.
- Coach Rick Espitia


I'll always remember the beach. It was hard work, but it was fun after. Gunn always argued with Coach Espitia.
-Dave Bakker



At the left, top runner Jason Gunn finishes in a hard sprint. Below and to the right, the girls hang out, waiting for awards, after their races.



Swimming

 *Zdonek leads the lady swimmers*

Lady Trojans swim circles around the competition

This year the Highland girl's swim team had a very successful season with all the effort and hard work they put into their swimming.

It was the second year for the swimmers in the new olympic sized pool. "We seemed to have been better adjusted to it which improved our season and times," stated junior Nikki Dopka.

The team lost a lot of seniors from last year, so going into this season there were many doubts. But the team proved them all wrong and did much better than expected.

One of the best meets of the season was against Chesterton. The girls defeated them 129-57. Event winners of the evening were Danielle Drlich, Jackie Rohling, Kim Johnson, and Natlie Zdonek.

Seniors night was the highlight of the year. Everyone was pumped and prepared to give the seniors a win for their last meet in the Highland Natatorium. When the meet was over, Highland had prevailed and the seniors shared tears of excitement and sorrow.

The three seniors that led the swimmers through their great season were Danielle Drlich, Jackie Rohling, and Shannon Gowens.

Junior Reagan Wallner said, "This was probably the best year so far, the team was like a real family. Everyone got along great and we all had a blast together."

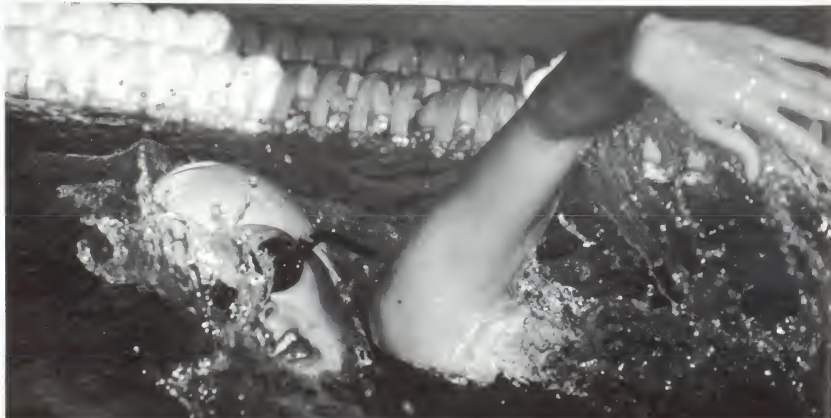
Seniors Jackie Rohling and Danielle Drlich took home their last awards they would ever receive for swimming again. Jackie took home the award for Most Valuable Player, and Danielle with Most Improved. Sophomore Sarah Metzger won the award for Mental Attitude.

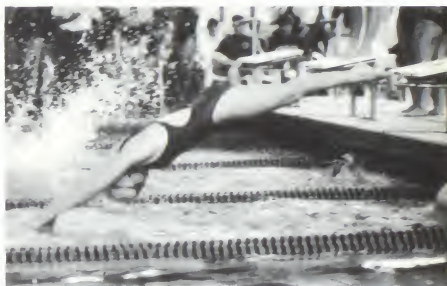
Next years season is said to be just as good as this year's. Even though they are losing some great seniors, they are gaining a lot of new talent.

•Evie Bouvat, Deanna Crum

Reagan Wallner struggles to the finish line. Joanne Progar laps her opponent in the breast stroke. Kim Johnson prepares to dive.

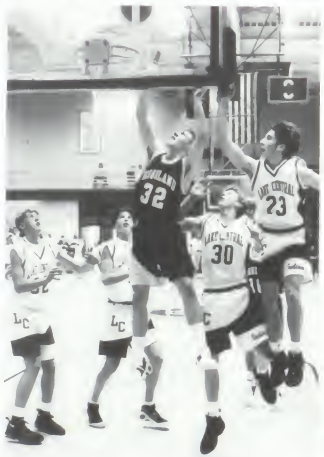
Girls Swimming: Row 1: K. Kolher, S. Gowens, M. Pieschala, A. Stan, B. Bruner, K. Johnson, Row 2: Coach Toweson, A. DeMuth, J. Rohling, G. Fanderi, J. Progar, N. Zdonek, K. Schroter, D. Salnais, Row 3: Coach O'Keefe, J. Potter, C. Zieminak, J. Zandian, S. Metzger, J. Lynn, R. Sweeney, Row 4: D. Drlich, S. Borowicz, H. Bahr, E. Bouvat, N. Dopka, R. Wallner, K. Bahr.





Highland swimmers begin their race. The Highland diver shows her perfection by doing a somersault in mid-air.

A member of the Highland boys basketball team goes up for a layup. Senior Phil Wojnicz prepares to attempt a play.



Basketball



*Seniors take action
for Trojans*

Tauber, Wojnicz, Skaggs Lead Trojan Basketball

Going into this year's season the boy's basketball team had high expectations. Winning their first seven of eight games reflected that. "We started out very well. Winning the Holiday Tournament again was great," said Coach Mike Urban.

The Trojans repeated as Holiday Tourney Champions for the first time in the school's history. They then found out they were not invincible. They suffered a horrible month of January. Then they went 3-1 to finish out the regular season. "We knew we were going to have to pick things back up," said senior Terry McDonald.

The boy's season seemed "not meant to be". They lost three Conference games on a last second three point basket. In this year's sectionals the Trojans

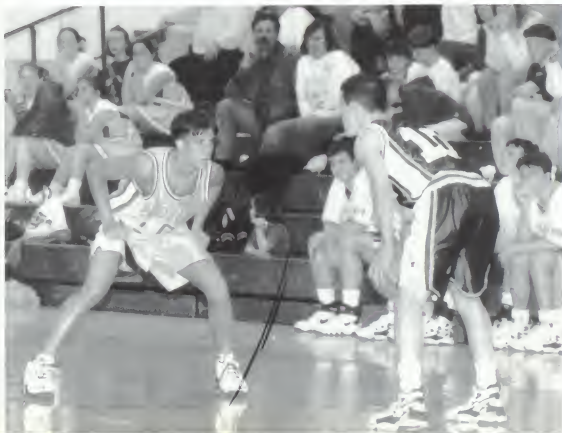
planned on reclaiming the title of Champs, but faced an upsetting overtime defeat against Morton. Highland had the lead until Morton was fouled and managed to tie the game leading both teams into overtime. The game was close until the final buzzer and Morton prevailed.

The team was lead by captains Justin Tauber, Phil Wojnicz, and Bryan Skaggs, all three-year varsity players. Justin Tauber took the major award for Most Valuable Player, Phil Wojnicz won the Mental Attitude award, and Bryan Skaggs took home Most Improved.

The close of the season brought with it an end to the career of a great senior class that brought Highland basketball back to respectability. The netmen had another first in the school's history by being the third consecutive team to have a winning season.

• Jason Mulligan
Deanna Crum

Senior Justin Tauber guards his opponent. Senior Jason Mulligan starts off the game with the jump ball.



Quotable Quote

! The team and the fans were full of Trojan spirit !

TEAM PIX



Varsity Basketball: Row 1: P. Wojnicz, B. Tauber, J. Cash, J. Tauber, C. Janik, T. McDonald, V. Pistilli. Row 2: Coach McCallister, Coach Urban, F. Tokley, D. Nicksic, J. Mulligan, J. Moss, B. Skaggs, Coach Edwards, Coach Elston



JV Basketball: Row 1: M. Wojnicz, M. Laciak, J. Waldron, M. Leyva, B. Tauber. Row 2: V. Pistilli, D. Hamstra, T. Swiss, L. Plawecki. Row 3: F. Tokley, P. Hasselbring, Coach Elston, J. Cash, J. Kissee.

! Still
our
Winners !



Junior Missy Kaniuk dribbles down court as
Sophomore Jennifer Kaczka takes a breather.
Junior Erin Seidl shoots a free throw.



Basketball



*Huppenthal named
Coach of the Year*

Lady Trojans take first in Lake Ten Conference

This year the girls basketball team practiced many long and hard hours. The hard work showed up in the success of their season accomplishments.

The record for the Lady Trojans this season was 12-8. They were also the Lake Ten Conference champs. Another big accomplishment of the team was the fact that they won the first game in sectionals. Although they lost the second game, this was the first time in three years that the ladies have won a game in sectionals.

This year's major awards went to Nicole Shiperek for the Most Valuable Player, Phrosini Samis for Mental Attitude, and Erin Seidl for the Most Improved.

"I could not only tell in my own personal improvement, but I could see an improvement throughout the whole team," stated junior player Erin Seidl.

Another major reason for the success of the ladies was their new head coach. After the resignation of their former coach, Coach Equihua, Coach Huppenthal was named the new head coach. He not only led the girls to being the Conference champs, but he was also named the Coach of the Year.

"I really enjoyed playing for Coach Equihua, but Coach Huppenthal knew how to get us playing more aggressively," said junior player Melanie Laciak.

"With the loss of only three seniors I feel that we have a good chance of repeating or improving our performance," said Missy Kaniuk, junior player.

• Molly Jones

Teammates look on as the final seconds of the game come to an end. Junior Melanie Laciak, left, passes the ball in an intense game.

*Quotable
Quote*

! It was really something to be Lake 10 Conference Champs! !

TEAM PIX



Varsity Basketball: Row 1: K. Berea, M. Laciak, M. Kaniuk, P. Samis, Row 2: K. Chapman, A. DeMuth, N. Shiperek, A. Stirling, A. Zemen, Row 3: L. Jelski, B. Norris, Coach LaMere, Coach Huppenthal, Coach Fraley, J. Kaczka, E. Seidl



J.V. Basketball: Row 1: M. Simala, S. Shaginaw, C. Piroosko, J. Wagoner, Row 2: M. Marx, A. Hanchar, Coach LaMere, K. Thompson, A. Warren





Sophomore Jason Allison goes for the pin. Matt Smith gets another win for the Trojans. Juan Escobedo prepares to take down his opponent.



Wrestling

Calderon, Smith to Semi-State

Allison, Smith lead Trojan grapplers in sectional play

After losing five semi-state qualifiers from last season the Highland Grappler decided not to let that bring them down. They came out of the season with a record of 12-4 all over and 7-2 in the conference.

One of the biggest wins for the Grapplers was their victory in the conference dual meet with Calumet. The fact that Calumet hasn't lost a dual meet in eight years made it such a big win to them.

The Grapplers still had four guys make it to Semi-State. They were Juan Escobedo, Jose Calderon, Matt Smith, and Jason Allison made it to Semi-State.

Three of these Semi-State qualifiers were also awarded with major awards. Juan Escobedo won the award for Most Valuable, Jose Calderon won the award for Mental Attitude, and the Most Improved award went to Jason Allison.

With so many juniors on varsity this season and so many moving up to varsity next season, the juniors are going to have to work well together to make next seasons' team work.

"Providing our juniors continue to improve and remain dedicated, their opportunities are limitless," commented Coach Augustin.

"This years wrestling team was full of over-achievers who didn't have much talent, but these guys worked harder and harder as the season progressed and kept getting better. I look for big thing out of next years squad," said Coach Poynter.

• Molly Jones

Team members watch on as the Highland Grapplers wrestle their way to another win. Junior Nick Peters waits for the referee to call his pin.

Quotable Quote

! This year showed some real talent in season and sectional action. !

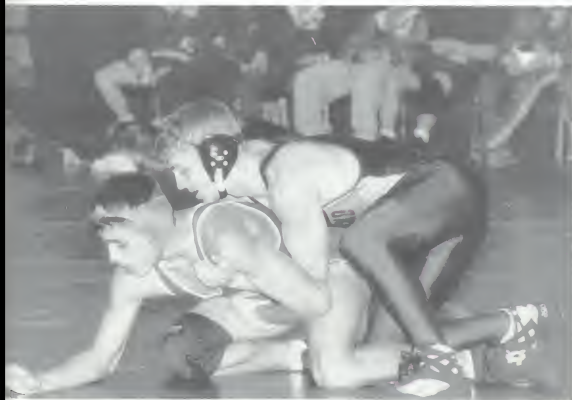
TEAM PIX



Varsity Wrestling: Row 1: Bob Roe, Mike Yurkus, Matt Smith, Kevin Gile, Row 2: Jason Allison, Nick Peters, Jose Calderon, Josh Mathews, Juan Escobedo, Row 3: Coach Augustin, Chris Karpinec, Ryan Campbell, Adam Rosenbloom, Coach Robinson, Coach Poynter



J.V. Wrestling : Row 1 : Tony Elder, Chris Gifford, Ryan Hayne, Jim Emslander, Aaron Ferry, Dave Rivera, Row 2 : Doug Mesman, Tony DeLaCruz, Kevin James, Ben Spitzer, Jason Sturges, Mike Fuentes, Row 3 : Coach Robinson, Ed Hoohehan, Steve Caddick, Jim Booker, Jose Alicea, Kevin Kobli, Ryan Arnold, Coach Poynter





CHEERLEADING

Chanting a whole new cheer



Varsity Fall Squad from left to right:
K. Martin, S. Cox, L. Miloshoff, M. Naglich,
S. Kemp, B. Kinder, J. Gnerlich



"These past four
years have
given me memories to
last a
lifetime"
-Selena Cox



Below: The JV and Varsity cheerleaders take
a time out to show their spirit during the
Homecoming game against Lake Central.



Junior Varsity Squad from left to right:
B. Oliver, S. Bodley, C. Zalewski, B. Lomax,
C. Mitchell, R. Roche, S. Reynolds



Freshman Fall Squad from left to right:
T. Sietsma, E. Galihier, B. Halls, N. Adam,
M. Boersma, M. Stacy, J. Lannon



Cheerleading for the 95-96 school year has altered slightly from previous years, but is as spirited as ever.

Trying out for separately for the football and basketball seasons is just one new alteration being performed this year. Most of the members of each squad will remain the same, with the exception of a few additions and deletions. Cheerleading for the sectional games for a variety of sports is also being tried out this

year. This has led to many changes in all the squads from fall to winter seasons.

The cheerleaders this year went to camp held at St. Mary's of Notre Dame. The freshmen competed as one squad and the junior varsity and varsity squad combined and competed as a large varsity. Numerous blue superior ribbons were awarded to both squads as well as some trophies. High marks were received each night at evaluation

sessions.

Three new coaches have been welcomed into the atmosphere of Highland High. For the freshman squad, the new coach is Colleen Mancilla. The new junior varsity coach is Kristen Killian and the varsity coach is Crystal South.

Each girl will also have the opportunity to be captain. This helps to teach responsibility.

• Mai Lei Naglich



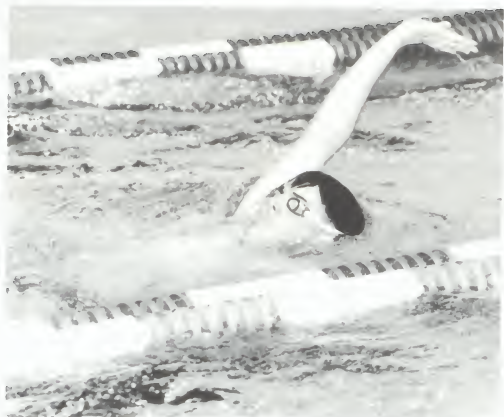
Winter Varsity: Front Row (left to right): S. Kemp, J. Gnerlich, K. Martin, M. Naglich
Back Row: R. Roche, S. Cox, L. Miloshoff



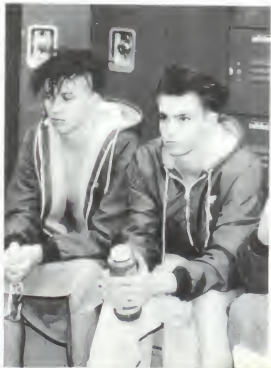
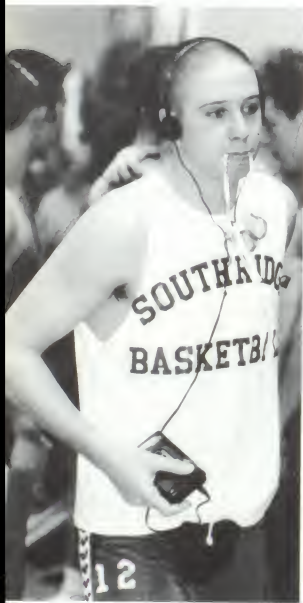
Winter JV Row 1: B. Oliver, S. Gogolak, S. Bodley Row 2: B. Lomax, C. Zalewski Row 3: C. Mitchell, S. Reynolds



Winter Freshman Row 1: J. Lannon, B. Halls, T. Sietsma Row 2: L. Gogolak, M. Grau Row 3: E. Galiher, M. Boersma, M. Stacy



Joe Lenehan and Jake Drlich pump themselves up before a meet by listening to some of their favorite tunes.



Swimming



*Five swimmers
advance to state*

Gowens Places Fourth In State Finals Competition

It was a great season for the Trojans of the water. They jumped into the season with some strong winds.

The Trojans kicked off the season with a home win against Crown Point, and then managed to beat Chesterton 108-78, and arch rivals, Munster 95-91, giving them a great seasonal start. They finished their season with a 11-3 record and finished second place at the Lake Ten Conference meet. Taking home the major awards for first and second team all conference were David Bakker, Jon Serement, Matt Gowens, Mike Snowdon, James Skaggs, Brian Kendzierski, and Tim Vanderbilt. Coach Brian Toweson received top honors by being named Coach of the Year for the Lake Ten area.

The Trojans major goal through out the season was to be ranked in the top ten for the state. They not only made their goal, but broke it by being placed as fifth.

James Skaggs helps Jon Serement stretch out before a meet. Brian Kendzierski and James Skaggs model this years fashions in swimsuits.

Senior Nate Damasius stated, "We had a very good season. We set quite a few records and advanced many players to state. I'm definitely going to miss swimming, and I'm happy that I had a memorable last season."

The Trojans have set a few records this season. At the conference meet the relay team of Bakker, Skaggs, Snowdon, and Gowens set a pool record in the 200 Medley. Bakker also set a meet record in the 100 Back. Finally, Matt Gowens set a meet record and a pool record in the 100 Breast.

This year the Trojans have advanced many swimmers onto the state finals. They were, Dave Bakker, Matt Gowens, Brian Kendzierski, James Skaggs, and Mike Snowdon. Matt Gowens demonstrated his ability to swim by placing fourth in the state finals.

•Deanna Crum

*Quotable
Quote*

! This team really
worked together
all year. !

TEAM PIX



Swimming: Row 1: Doug Turich, Bryan Kendzierski, Jake Drlich, Nick Rohling, Tony Summers, Allen Willman, Row 2: Coach Toweson, Coach Edmondson, Coach O'Keefe, Matt Gowens, Joe Lenehan, Brian Zelenke, Jon Seremet, Row 3: Doug Biel, Grant Long, James Skaggs, Dave Bakker, Aaron Willman, Nate Damasius, Josh Hanak, Mike Snowdon



Quotable Quote

Heather Hugus
had an
unmistakable
arm.

Softball

Seniors lead
Lady Trojans

Highlight of season Is Trojan Invitational

Going into the season the Lady Trojans Softball team had great expectations. *The Times* rated them eighth in the area, which was later moved up much higher. After tying a thirteen inning game against the number three team, Boone Grove, and defeating number one Merrillville, the Trojans managed to steal the number three spot.

Returning this year were seven starters: Heather Hugus, Katie Evilsizor, Laura Hoolehan, Michelle Kawecki, Nicole Shiperek, Deanna Crum, and Ericka Swanson. The captains were the six seniors, Hugus, Evilsizor, Hoolehan, Norris, Shiperek, and Kawecki.

A big event for the Lady Trojans was the Highland Invite. After going three for four on Friday night, and two for two on Saturday, the girls managed to take the victory of their own tournament. "It was really great to win your own tournament. The team played well and we had fun. It was a great weekend," stated senior Laura Hoolehan.

Much of the reason for the success of the team was due to the seniors. Heather Hugus' rifle arm was unstoppable and the calls made by catcher Laura Hoolehan helped out a great deal. Nicole Shiperek gave the team great bats, and Michelle Kawecki played great in the field.

This year's team consisted of the six seniors, juniors, Crum, Swanson, Davies, Sophomore Papalambros, and freshman Smith.

Although the team is losing quite a few players the team is still predicted to turn out well.

"I'm really going to miss playing ball at Highland. It was a fun experience and my teammates were the best. I'm never going to forget it," states senior Bridgette Norris.

•Deanna Crum

Senior Michelle Kawecki stands in the batters box eagerly awaiting the pitch. Senior Nicole Shiperek fields a ground ball.

Varsity Softball: Row 1: M. Menke, K. Evilsizor, D. Davies, E. Swanson, V. Padilla. Row 2: B. Norris, D. Crum, N. Papalambros, M. Kawecki, P. Bedka, J. Smith, H. Hugus. Row 3: Coach Bedka, Coach Norris, Coach Bartlett, L. Hoolehan, N. Shiperek, Coach Stapke, Coach Lamere.

J.V. Softball: Row 1: M. Sleeman, J. Pavlica, J. Stapke, K. Kish, V. Padilla, C. Porter. Row 2: D. Lambert, M. Menke, B. Oliver, C. Stout, P. Bedka, M. Menke, C. Piroso. Row 3: Coach Bedka, L. Barney, N. Figlio, S. Smolnar, E. Bouvat, Coach Stapke, Coach Lamere.





Senior pitcher Heather Hugus throws her unhitatable fastball, while Senior Laura Hoolehan catches for her.

Baseball

Seniors, juniors work together for wins

Quotable
Quartz

Upperclassman
Power
Made It
Happen

Wojnicz, Ziemniak, Pistilli, and Duke Named 1st Team All-Conference

Looking for another victorious season this year the Highland Boys' baseball team set high expectations for themselves.

Coming off a great season last year they knew they had to repeat their excellent performance.

That's exactly what they did. They not only repeated their performance, but they did an even better job. They ended their season with a record of 18-9 and stood as the Lake Ten Conference Champions at the end of the season.

In order to get this excellent record, the team had to overcome many difficult teams and old rivals. Two examples of the difficult teams they had to overcome were Portage and Valparaiso. These are two highly known teams, and beating these teams showed all the hard work and dedication that each individual put into the long, rainy season.

One reason for many of these success was because of the Highland seniors,

playing in their last season. These players included: Jeremy Kubon, Phil Wojnicz, Steve Ziemniak, Rusty Gordan, Terry McDonald, and Bryan Skaggs.

Another big reason for the success of the team was the large majority of juniors. These juniors included: Nick Negovetich, Gabe Cabrera, Mark Havens, Mark Jones, Dan Egan, Dave Duke, Josh Kuechenberg, Frank Tokoly, and Vince Pistilli.

Many of the team members also received special individual awards. These included senior Phil Wojnicz, junior Dave Duke, senior Steve Ziemniak, and junior Vince Pistilli all three were named to 1st Team All-Conference. Honorable Mentions went to junior Frank Tokoly and senior Jeremy Kubon.

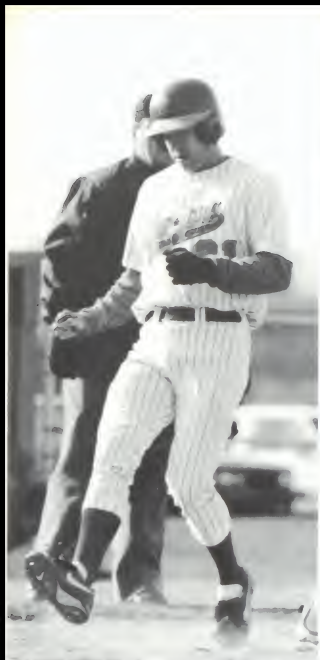
"Although we did not reach our goal of winning twenty games and being the sectional champs, we were able to reach the goal of being the Lake Ten Conference Champions," stated Head Coach Dan Miller.

• Molly Jones

Varsity Baseball: Row 1: N. Negovetich, G. Cabrera, M. Havens, J. Kubon, P. Wojnicz, S. Ziemniak, Row 2: R. Gordan, M. Jones, R. Guzman, K. Martin, T. McDonald, D. Egan, Row 3: Coach Edwards, D. Duke, J. Kuechenberg, F. Tokoly, B. Skaggs, V. Pistilli, Coach Miller

JV Baseball: Row 1: M. Wojnicz, B. Badja, D. Amrhein, J. Stanis, T. Stacy, J. Allison, Row 2: M. Miller, J. Waldron, L. Augustin, M. Boersma, K. McMahon, R. Mendoza, Row 3: M. Cook, J. Stephen, B. Zaborowski, J. Kisse, Coach Augustin





Steve Ziemniak prepares to hit the game winning run. The Highland catcher focuses on the game, while Frank Tokoly protects second base.

Vince Pistilli gets ready to steal second, while Bryan Skaggs brings in the winning run. Terry McDonald prepares to strike out his opponent.

Track & Field

Trojans take first in Highland Invite

Gunn and Seidl lead the Trojans to Victory !

Quotable
Quote

The Real
a-Track-tion

The track team's season had an explosive start with a promising indoor season that spread into the outdoor season. Even though the weather did not cooperate throughout the season, the athletes worked hard to get past the cold and the rain.

Both teams ran their way right into the Highland Invite, and Highland was victorious. The boys team then took Conference, and the girls took second. The team moved onto Sectionals.

Qualifying for boys Regionals were Aaron Underwood and Bryan Wurst in Long Jump and High Jump. Bryan also qualified during Regionals and jumped on down to state. Don Maicher, Paul Whitener, Greg Bluethmann, and Jason Gunn qualified with their 4X8 Relay. Tony Elder, Bryan Wurst, Mike Barsic, and Don Maicher qualified with their 4X4 Relay. Tony Elder qualified for the 200 Dash. Dan Niksic and Dru Grigson threw their way to Regionals. Jason Gunn took his 3200 M past Regionals and down to state!

Nicole Anast made it to Regionals with an outstanding 100 M Dash. Erin Seidl qualified in the 800 Dash. Michele Simala, Dani Ramirez, Stephanie Kieth, and Darci Ramirez qualified with their 4X8 Relay. Robyn Bognar, Erin Seidl, Nicole Anast, and Marion Olszewski took their 4X4 Relay and their 4X1 Relay to Regionals. Robyn Bognar not only qualified in the 200 Dash, but she qualified in Long Jump and jumped all the way to state!

Both track teams did an outstanding job this season and are practicing to excel next year as well. After all, they are the team with explosive starts, tremendous strength, awesome jumping ability, great endurance, and a killer instinct to win at all costs! They have the talent to keep on making tracks to state!

• Shannon Gogolak

Freshman Teresa Gagne takes a breather in between races while Junior Robyn Bognar shows great form in the long jump.

Girls Track: Row 1: K. Skaggs, E. Brey, L. Gogolak, T. Gagne, D. Ramirez, N. Anast, L. Kuch, S. Gogolak
Row 2: S. Bach, J. Torn, M. Simala, J. Wagner, G. Gile, L. Capretti, E. Peterson, Row 3: S. Walters, C. Drake, M. Olsenwiski, R. Bognar, E. Seidl, D. Herrin.



Boys Track: Row 1: Coach Summers, K. Orban, H. Reyes, B. Wuurst, P. Whitener, A. Underwood, J. Gunn Row 2: J. Yeo, T. Elder, N. Damasius, M. Kloczek, T. Mucha, T. Summers Row 3: B. Lyon, B. Claesgens, J. Sturges, J. Lane, J. Sjaggs, D. Maicher, M. Miller, J. Taber Row 4: T. Vanderbilt, T. St. Aubyn, C. Sleeman, K. Koblit, G. Bluethman, J. Drlich, F. Sturges, D. Niksic





Senior Linda Kuch rests after the relay. Danny Nicksic prepares to throw the shot put, while some track members pose for a picture.

TRACK & FIELD



Junior Erin Seidl and Senior Marion Olszewski practice their starts, while Senior Aaron Underwood leaps over the high jump.



Golf



*Trojan Putters place
third in Conference*

Moss, Hughes named 2nd Team All-Conference

This year's golf team went through some adversity this year. The beginning of the season was slow for the Trojans. Uncooperating weather conditions and other inconveniences contributed to a really slow start. Seniors Jeremy Moss, Dan Hughes, and Tom Johns were looked to lead the team onto the links. Jeremy Moss and Dan Hughes both received Second Team All-Conference honors.

The Trojans spent many long hours practicing to help them achieve some of the goals that the team had set this season.

• David Wilson

*Quotable
Quote*

*! Long practices
were the key
to success !*



Varsity Golf: Row 1: T. Johns, D. Lewis, M. Mis, B. Brownnewell, Row 2: D. Hoogeveen, M. Uline, M. Banas, D. Hughes, J. Moss, P. Harreld, T. Swiss, E. Moss, Coach Richardson



Senior Jeremy Moss anticipates his next move while Dan Hughes watches as he gets a hole-in-one. Tom Johns watches the ball anxiously.

Tennis



Three—Peat
Sectional Champs!

Yadron, DeMaris, Franz Lead Young Team Through Season

Quotable
Quote

! I am
very proud of
all their hard
work! !

The rain and the wind couldn't stop the girl's tennis team from achieving a victorious season this year.

After losing five talented seniors last year, the girls stepped up quickly to make the '96 season a memorable one. This year's lineup consisted of Nicole Yadron, Reagan Wallner, Dana Culic, Jenny Franz, Sarah DeMaris, Kelly Berea, and Melissa Gray.

The Lady Trojans defeated Lake Central, Lowell, and Kankakee Valley to become Sectional Champs for the third consecutive year. The team had a final record of 11-7, and finished third in Conference competition.

At the Merrillville Double's Tournament, Highland took home a first place trophy in their division. Kristin Chapman and Kelley Weyer took first place, Teams

of Nicole Yadron and Kelly Berea, Julie Beanblossom and Kristin Aros, and Jenny Franz and Sarah DeMaris also placed in the tournament.

"The girls fought hard to take the sectional crown," says Coach Jennifer Janusonis. "I am very proud of all their hard work."

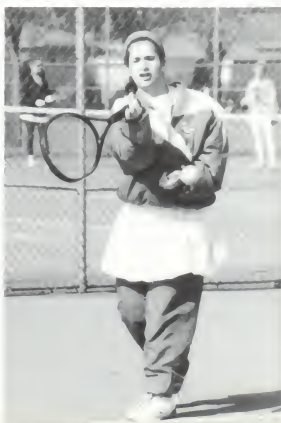
Seniors Nicole Yadron, Sarah DeMaris, and Jenny Franz were great leaders for this young team. Their talent and friendship will be greatly missed next year.

"We had a fun season this year and built a lot of memories," states Jenny Franz.

• Dana Culic & Melissa Gray

Coach Janusonis talks to the team before a match. Nicole Yadron follows through with her backhand, while Sarah DeMaris waits for the ball.

Girls Tennis: Row 1: J. Franz, S. DeMaris, M. Gray, K. Berea, R. Wallner, D. Culic, N. Yadron, Row 2: K. Lopez, J. Beanblossom, A. Downing, M. Crosby, K. Chapman, J. Miller, E. Seremet, A. Maglish, Row 3: K. Weyer, K. Aros, E. Hawkins, K. Drake, Coach Janusonis, G. Schu, C. Miller, H. Rhoades, L. Macek





Kelly Berea concentrates on the ball, while Jenny Franz hits the ball down low. Donna Culic shows strength in her serve.

Sectionals

GO TROJANS!!!

GO ...
FIGHT ...
WIN!

The Highland Trojans went into their first game of sectionals determined to recapture the title of "champs!"

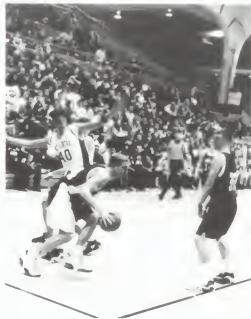
The way they played their first game against Lake Central it looked as if the odds were in their favor. The Trojans defeated the Indians and were then scheduled to play the Governor for the semi-final game.

Once again everyone thought the game was in the bag, until the final minute when Morton fouled and managed to tie the game. The Highland fans anxiously and nervously awaited the final.

The game went into overtime and was close until the final buzzer, but Morton managed prevailed. Highland now had to erase their dreams of "Sectional Champs!"

Although their loss disappointed all, they still made everyone from Highland proud to be a Trojan!

•Deanna Crum





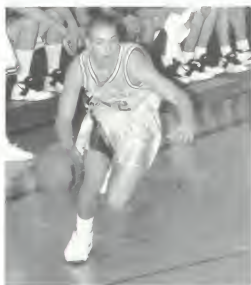
Junior cheerleader Shannon Gogolak cheers for her team while Highlands devoted fans go wild after winning Tuesday nights game against Lake Central. Senior Phil Wjonicz takes a rest on the bench after playing a tough quarter. Sophomore Chad Janik aggressively fights for the ball against Lake Central players. Junior Deanna Crum shows off her school spirit by painting her face blue and gold.

Freshman Teams



Freshman Teams: Top to Bottom: Boy's Basketball, Girl's Basketball, Volleyball, Boy's Baseball, Right: Boy's Football

Sports Candidids





Pom-Pons: Row 1: M. Stok, B. Moore, Row 2: J. O'Conner, L. Messman, Row 3: M. Niekula, M. Dyke, M. McManus, C. Thys, C. Wilson, C. Lorenzini, J. Stanley, Row 4: B. Fentress, K. Rowski, R. Rosignol, K. Koble, S. Lewis, F. Smith, C. Wilson

Highland Hockey Club



This year was a great success for the 95-96 Highland Hockey Club. With the support of parents and the many experienced players, they came out of the season with a record of 11-5-2. The team placed second for the season.

Senior Tony Mordus was the club captain. Most Valuable went to two players, Center Mike Mis and Goalie Mike Jusko. Most Improved was Sean Tharp, Best Mental Attitude went to Jim Randall, and the award for Sportsmanship went to Jeff Rose.

This year's Highland Hockey Club had many young players with a lot of experience and should be able to repeat this year's performance next season.



Highland Hockey Club: Row 1: M. Mis, J. Rose, M. Johnson, M. Grove, M. Cooper, T. Bilotto, Row 2: J. Randall, N. Bracas, J. Jackson, M. Jusko, S. Tharp, T. Mordus, A. Hill, R. Bates

Once Upon A...

The curtains opened one last time this year with the production of *Once Upon A Mattress*. A medevil comedy, the play was based upon a test to find a true princess for Prince Dauntless (Matt Courtright). Princess Winnefred (Carrie Ruhs) comes into the scene and is tested by the Queen (Erica Ribicki) who puts one tiny pea under twenty downy mattresses to see if "Fred" will sleep soundly or be bothered by the pea. The princess doesn't even shut her eyes and she passes the test, but it wasn't the pea at all!

Other actors contributed to the fun. Brian Vargas was the narrator. Martin Plawewski the king with with Tim Fandrei as his sidekick, the jester. Mike Filipowicz acted as Sir Harry and Sarah Stinnett was the love of his life, Larkin.

The students felt that this musical enabled them to use their talent to have the time of their lives. They also agreed that Theatre is magic...

• Shannon Gogolak



Top right: As Sir Harry, junior Mike Filipowicz announces the arrival of Princess Winnefred a bit too late.

Above: A lass is what Prince Dauntless lacked! Right: McManus, Christenson, and Lottino were part of chorus.



Left: Carrie Ruhs and Matt Courtright sing well together. At least, that's what Matt thinks! Bottom left: Senior Beth Halcarz helped backstage. "Wait for the clear!"

Below: Junior Shannon Bruce helps sophomore Liz Bohanan on opening night while senior Martin Plawecki shares a joke with sophomore Matt Courtright.

MADRES!



Prom '96

A Night
In
Paradise

Hamstra, Kaniuk reign '96 Prom King, Queen

Highland's 1996 Prom was a paradise! Not a tropical paradise, but an elegant paradise with the just the right music, lights twinkling in the soft darkness, and fun in the air!

The paradise court was Jennie Govert, Gabe Cabrera, Janet Grelecki, Jose Calderon, Missy Kaniuk, Dan Egan, Crystal Mitchell, Dave Hamstra, Anne Schmal, Dan Mendoza, Jennifer Tom, and Frank Tokoly.

The theme song, "Almost Paradise," was performed by the Highland High School Madrigals. The hall, Villa Cesare, was set up in forest green and burgundy with touches of gold that enhanced the elegance of the evening.

The creative Prom Committee designed their own backdrop and ornaments. The music was provided by "Sensational Sounds." The girls on the prom court were presented with Calla Lilies.

Everyone lined up to create a crazy group pose with their dates; the most popular poses included the garter shot and a group shot with the girls wearing their dates' jackets and the guys holding the flowers. New styles emerged for the nineties. The big, puffy, elaborate dresses are still in; but, for most girls, it was straight down and simple or retro. Some of the guys got creative with their tuxes. Top hats, tails, and canes were seen throughout the night. One promgoer

even wore a guitar strap in place of a bow tie.

Before that special night was over, Dave Hamstra and Missy Kaniuk pulled the string on the balloon drop as Prom King and Queen. The students made a mad dash to pop the balloons filling the air with explosive laughter and what sounded like fireworks.

It was a night out with friends. It was the time of their lives. It was paradise!

• Shannon Gogolak

The Highland girls, Jason Robbins and Carrie Stephens dance the night away!





Above: Dave Hamstra and Missy Kaniuk are crowned King and Queen. Heather Hugus shows everyone how it's done!

Above: Korin Bahr and her date, Bill Miller chill out while everyone else dances. Left: outside, the prom court poses together.



From the graduation album, pictures of proud graduates, proud parents, and friends saying goodbye.



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Led by class valedictorian Jennifer Gnerlich and salutatorian Kimberly Furman, this year's graduates were also represented by their president Tim Fandrei, vice president Shannon Gouwens, secretary Valerie Rieckhoff and treasurer Christyne Thys.

HHS Principal Dr. Renner Ventling presented the class for graduation, and superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright received the group, attesting they had completed the work necessary for high school graduation.

The academic Top Ten Students of the class are: Jennifer Gnerlich, Kimberly Furman, Martin Plawecki, Susan Sprainis, JooHee Han, Carrie Wilson, Todd Anderson, Nicole Fuller, Douglas Biel and Philip Wojnicz.



Valedictorian Jennifer Gnerlich and Salutatorian Kimberly Furman led the class.

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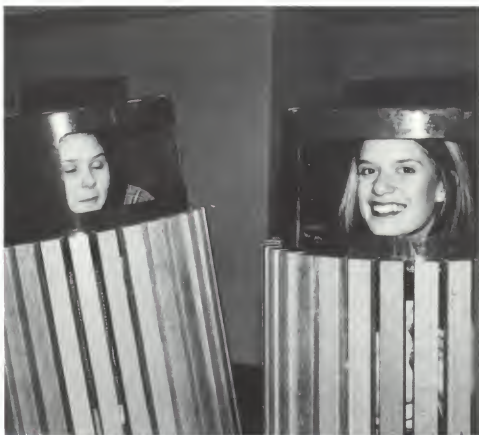
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